

Travel Mike Cleary takes the less traveled road to Clear Lake wineries **[A5]**

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EL CERRITO pool lifeguard Andrew Alabanza, 15, says the kids pool is closed because the bottom is so rough it hurts kids feet when they walk on it. **EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF**

School board fills vacancy

■ With the district in midst of a stalemate in teacher contract talks, certified mediator James Lindsay is named to the seat vacated by Owen T. Jones

By Matt Petersen
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — After only two days of interviews at Cornell Middle School, the school board wasted little time in deciding who would fill the vacant seat left by Owen T. Jones in May. James Lindsay, a software engineer and an 11-year Albany resident was picked out of five

applicants in the special election, and will be sworn in Aug. 14 as a temporary board member. His term will run up until November. Lindsay is a certified mediator who has worked as a volunteer committee member for the Parks and Recreation commission in the early '90s and was appointed to an ad hoc electoral reform commission in the mid-'90s. He considers himself a problem solver who has a knack for bringing two vastly different sides together, a skill that will be put to the test right away, given the contentious negotiations the board is having with teachers over a new contract. Since me-

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Critics push to suspend tree removal in park

■ Officials say they will wait for a comprehensive plan for Canyon Trail Park before more work is done

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Trees in the city have lately been providing not just shade and oxygen, but controversy as well. The removal of eight Monterey pines and other trees in Canyon Trail Park continues to be questioned. At the July 11 City Council meeting Rosemary Loubal, a member of the Park and Recreation Commission, and Ann Thrupp, a Canyon Trail Park neighbor, expressed their strong dissatisfac-

tion with several of the tree removals. Thrupp questioned Mayor Larry Damon's involvement in the community discussion about the Canyon Trail trees since Damon recused himself from the council tree discussion and vote last April. Damon and Councilwoman Gina Brusatori both reside within 500 feet of Canyon Trail Park and both recused themselves from that discussion and vote. Thrupp also raised the possibility of "legal action" if trees continue to be cut down at Canyon Trail Park before a comprehensive plan is in place. At the April 2 meeting the council voted 3-0,

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Everybody out of the pool

Current and pending repair work have closed most of the public facilities in El Cerrito and Albany. By Kate Darby Rauch
TIMES STAFF WRITER

these veteran tanks of water. Old age caught up with them this year. "It's very frustrating and inconvenient, we've been waiting and waiting," said Young Ha, an Albany mother of two and frequent user of the city pool. Or former user. Albany's pool, next to the high school on Portland Avenue and run by the school district, has been closed since March for major repairs. The work — new pump, filter and electrical systems — was expected to take about eight weeks. But that

turned into 12 weeks and finally about six months. The more workers tinkered with the 50-year-old indoor facility, the more problems they found, said Walter Wallace, assistant school superintendent. Much of the work is bringing the pool up to today's building and safety codes, he said. The pool is slated to open by early September. The price tag for the improvements is about \$300,000. "One of our concerns was to have it open and available to families for the summer. Unfortunately, we're not there for them," Wallace said. The pool will also have a new deck, indoor heating and a paint job. Meanwhile in neighboring El Cerrito, the city's deep pool is open and busy. But its shallow pool, a relatively large and popular haven for bikes, has been dry as dust for months. It was closed last year because of maintenance problems, including chipping tiles that were cutting little feet. Built in the 1960s, El Cerrito's swim center, at the community cen-

ter, has been providing not just shade and oxygen, but controversy as well. The removal of eight Monterey pines and other trees in Canyon Trail Park continues to be questioned. At the July 11 City Council meeting Rosemary Loubal, a member of the Park and Recreation Commission, and Ann Thrupp, a Canyon Trail Park neighbor, expressed their strong dissatisfac-

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Albany police Sgt. completes FBI training

Steve McQuiston is the third member of the force to complete the rigorous training. By Matt Petersen
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The folks at the Albany Police Department were pleased to report the FBI National Academy on June 8 — the top of his class no less. Steve McQuiston joins Chief Larry Jensen and former Police Chief Ralph Jensen as the third graduate of the 10-week program held yearly at the U.S. Marine base in Quantico, Va. McQuiston was one of five to receive a letter of accomplishment out of the class of 50 men and women from all 50 U.S. states

as well as Canada, Puerto Rico and 24 other countries. The program offers advanced legal, investigative, management and fitness training over the two-and-a-half month span for selected officers with proven records as professionals within their agencies. As Chief Murdo is quick to point out, only 1 percent of law enforcement nationwide is allowed to attend the training and it's usually set aside for chiefs and lieutenants with 19 years of experience on average. McQuiston will have served 13 years on the force come December. "(Sgt. McQuiston) and another sergeant are the next leaders (of the force)," said Murdo. The reason McQuiston was nominated was because, "I knew it was the best way for him to get the very best preparation possible," said Murdo.

The 37-year-old father of three has a quick smile and an easy laugh yet shows restraint when answering questions that might shine a little too much praise on himself. He says that it can be easy at times to become complacent in a job, and one of the perspectives that he brought back from his training is that there is always room for improvement. "It's easy to lose the larger perspective and what (the academy) is all about is getting that perspective back," he said. "I'm a believer that (we) should be more in touch with what we do here. We shouldn't be afraid to challenge the status quo in police work." McQuiston lived the "college dorm life" in Virginia with his days mainly spent in the classroom and studying in the library or his dorm room. He was ensconced daily in top-

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SGT. STEVE MCQUISTON completed training last month at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. He is the Albany Police Department's third graduate of the 2-1/2-month training program.

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C police move to extradite suspect from Oregon

Leslie Fulbright
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Police have a motive in the July 10 death of 22-year-old Brian Misquez and have not ruled out the kind of relationship between suspect and victim had.

"We don't know if they were friends, but they knew each other in some fashion and he was invited to the apartment," said El Cerrito police Cmdr. Dan Hurley. They were at another location and then drove to the victim's apartment, police said. After the killing, police said, the suspect fled in DeChavez's car and then dumped it nearby. Brian Misquez, a 22-year-old Antioch resident, was taken into custody in Tigard — a Portland suburb — after El Cerrito police identified him by fingerprints and told Oregon authorities he was hiding at a friend's house there. He was arraigned in Washington County Superior Court last Thursday on homicide and

carjacking charges. DeChavez's sister found his body about 8 p.m. in the Waldo Avenue apartment she shared with him. He had stab wounds to his neck, chest and abdomen. Police found Misquez's fingerprints at the crime scene. Their investigation led them to the Oregon home of the his friend. "We called him there and had



Brian Misquez

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Friedman says he will run again

■ Pat Caftel and Letitia Moore have also taken out papers to run for El Cerrito City Council in November

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Councilman Mark Friedman said this week that he will seek reelection to the council this fall. "I am running for reelection," Friedman said Wednesday. "We've set a lot of exciting things in motion in El Cerrito and I want to be there to help shepherd them forward," he said. "We have the beginnings of a whole new management team in the city and I'm excited about the new sense of dynamism that they've brought to the city," Friedman

added. "The projects that I'm very excited about are the possibility of a new civic center, implementing an economic development program and finishing the Swim Center." Friedman has been a strong advocate of economic development in El Cerrito since he first joined the council in 1997. He was appointed in April of 1997 to complete the term of Councilwoman Mae Ritz. He won election to the post the following November and served as mayor in 2000. Friedman is executive director of the Alameda County Children and Families Commission. Last week Councilwoman Gina Brusatori said she will seek reelection and Mayor Larry Damon said he will not. There are three council posts to be decided in the Nov. 6 election. In addition to Friedman and

Brusatori, potential candidates who have requested filing forms from the city clerk's office include Pat Caftel and Letitia Moore. Caftel runs the city's NEAT program that provides residential emergency preparedness and response training. Moore is an attorney and city planning commissioner who would be making her second try for the council after an unsuccessful bid two years ago. The nomination period to be a City Council candidate opened July 16 and runs through Aug. 10. The period will extend to Aug. 15 for non-incumbents if an incumbent does not file by the 10th. The term will be for three years in order to put the city on an even-year election cycle as approved by the council.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

'Against the Evil Eye'

Kol Hadash, Northern California Community for Humanistic Judaism Shabbat, will speak Friday, July 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. in Albany, on "Against the Evil Eye: Magic and Folk Beliefs in Jewish Tradition," presented by Rose Levine, chairperson of the docent program, Magnes Museum, Berkeley. Info: KolHadash@aol.com

SF Improv at Eclectica

SF Improv is performing at Café Eclectica, 1309 Solano Ave. in Albany on Saturday, July 28 at 8 p.m. Have a night cap along with some madcap improvised comedy and musical theater, created on the spot by your suggestions. For details on the free improv show call 510-527-2344.

Calling all Loises

The next meeting of the Bay Area Loise Club, a local chapter of a national

group established for women named Loise, will be at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31 for a narrated one-hour day-cruise on the Red and White Fleet, Pier 43-1/2, next to Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco with lunch in the Fisherman's Wharf area and/or dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 62 Jack London Square (eastern end), in Oakland. For daycruise or dinner reservations, call Lois Lynch at 510-848-6254. All Loises and their guests are welcome. The Loise Club meets on the fifth Tuesdays, usually four times a year.

Dinner/dance benefit

Eric Adame-Toms, the son of postal employee and El Cerrito APWU Shop Steward Noel Toms, is in a coma in Kaiser Hospital from injuries sustained in a May 15 car collision in Rodeo on his way home from work. Adame-Toms, 18, was a month away from graduation at John Swett High School. El Cerrito postal employees

are sponsoring two dinner/dance fundraisers at the San Pablo Moose Lodge, 13233 San Pablo Ave. in San Pablo, to help meet the mounting costs of Eric Adame-Toms's injuries on Aug. 5 from 2-7 p.m. and features letter carrier Jun Simundo and his band. The cost is \$10 per person. Any donations from those who can't make it are also appreciated. They should be made out to Eric Adame-Toms, c/o Sanwa Bank, 777 Tennent Ave., Pinole, CA 94564. All funds raised will go to the Toms family. Details: 510-237-6124.

Beginner's birdwalk

Enjoy a free beginner's birdwalk at the Tilden Park Nature Area by Dave Zuckermann on Saturday from 8-10 a.m. Beginning birders, and others, are welcome for this cool-of-the-morning walk around Jewel Lake. Binoculars will be available for loan. Details: 510-525-2233.

Lions Club honors Chamber manager

The El Cerrito Lions Club has named Chamber of Commerce Manager Sewall Glinternick its 2000-01 "Lion of the Year."

Glinternick, a long-time member of the local service club, was honored for his work for more than 10 years on behalf of the organization. A past president of the local club, he has served as editor of the club's monthly bulletin for the past decade.

As Lion of the Year, Glinternick takes possession of a special permanent trophy featuring a large carved African lion mounted on a base containing the names of twelve past winners of the special title.

In the newspaper business all of his professional life as a reporter, owner and advertising director, Glinternick worked in the advertising department of Family Fair for a dozen years; nine of which he planned, sold and produced the Spring and Fall Roundup tabloids that raised thousands of dollars for the Chamber treasury.

Following the retirement of Del Wisenor, Glinternick took over as Chamber manager in July of 1994.

This year's Lion of the Year has a long and distinguished record of work on behalf of service organizations, having served as president of the Rockridge Lions Club in North Oakland and the Exchange Club in Colton, California.

While at the University of Minnesota he was winner of the Northwest Daily Publishers Scholarship, and was elected to membership in Sigma Delta Chi, the honorary journalism fraternity.

It's time to RSVP

Declaring that response to the Chamber's current fund drive is good but could be a lot better, Manager Sewall Glinternick urged members to RSVP to their "invitations" as soon as possible.

The "invitation" in question offers everyone interested in the work of the Chamber to not attend a fund-raiser called the first Annual Summer non-dinner non-dance. Supporters are being invited to stay home, take it easy and send a donation to the Chamber's financially-pressed operating fund.

"Being forced to cancel this year's October Fiesta due to construction at El Cerrito Plaza, and not wanting to raise the dues," Glinternick ex-

SEWALL GLINTERNICK
El Cerrito Chamber

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CHAMBER MANAGER Sewall Glinternick is winner of the El Cerrito Lions Club 2000-01 "Lion Of The Year" award.

plained, "we have decided to try to use this unusual way of giving our membership to voluntarily help replenish our dwindling operating fund."

"The Chamber sincerely hopes everyone enjoys the humor of our 'invitation' and sends us a substantial check just as soon as possible."

Glinternick reported that this fund-raiser is open to any member of the community interested in the Chamber's efforts to improve things in El Cerrito: whether or not they got one of the "invitations."

Donations may be mailed to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 538, El Cerrito, CA 94530 or dropped off at the Chamber office at 10848 San Pablo Avenue.

New associate member

The newest addition to the Chamber's roster of associate members is AC Transit.

In explaining why the transit agency was joining the Chamber at this time, AC Deputy General Manager Jim Gleich said, "We're the public transit agency that serves El Cerrito, and we appreciate the role the business community, through the Chamber, plays in developing and maintaining the vitality of the city. We want to become a full partner in the Chamber's successful effort to achieve that goal."

Gleich, who plans to represent AC Transit in El Cerrito Chamber activities, went on to explain that many of the transit agency's 2,500 employees live in El Cerrito, so it's both vital and logical for AC Transit do what it can to make the town a

better place to live and work.

"Besides," he added, "as active Chamber members we will be in the best position to determine the needs and desires of the people in El Cerrito in our continuing effort to serve the residents of this city."

Still more reinvestments

In the past few weeks two individuals and one local firm extended their membership in the Chamber for another year.

Praised by the Chamber leadership for their continued support were Klem Schmidt, Fire Chief Mark Scott and Staples.

Local firms lauded

Celebrating Culture & Community, an associate Chamber member, publicly thanked several local businesses and groups this week for their support of last month's Sister Cities Parade and Multicultural Festival.

Among those praised for their support were the Mechanics Bank, Music Works, Black, Brown, Lanier and Jackson, Cerrito Printing, East Bay Sanitary Co., El Cerrito Veterans Association, West County Times, Kung Fu USA and Windrush School.

Chamber member honored

Chamber of Commerce member Blaine Davis, the El Cerrito representative for the Edward Jones financial services firm, recently won the company's coveted Ted Jones Prospecting Award which recognizes first year investment representatives who achieve high levels of success.

"I'm very proud to receive an award named after Ted Jones, who established our firm's one-person branch office concept," Davis said in accepting the award. "It is because of him that our El Cerrito office exists to serve the need here for one-on-one investment information."

In presenting David his award at a recent Edward Jones regional meeting John Bachmann, the firm's managing partner, lauded Davis for the success he achieved in his first year with Edward Jones and praised the local Chamber member for his performance and dedication.

POLICE REPORTS

Two visitors arrested for assault

By K. Osborn

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — At about 11:30 p.m. on July 16 officers stopped a white '99 Hyundai for erratic driving. The driver, a 62-year-old El Cerrito man, was found to be intoxicated. He failed the Field Sobriety Test with a score of .13/.12. He was arrested, cited and held to be released when sober.

At about 1:45 a.m. on July 17 officers responded to the 500 block of Jackson Street on reports of a woman being hit by two other women during an argument. Officers contacted the group and found that the two attackers were visiting from France. According to the report, the three began arguing and it escalated to violence with the two French women hitting the Albany woman. Officers arrested the two French women, ages 31 and 48, for battery and transported them to the Marshall's Office.

On the morning of July 17 a resident on the 1100 block of Dartmouth Street reported that during the night thieves broke into her blue '88 Oldsmobile and stole items. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of July 17 a man reported that his daughter had been assaulted on the 900 block of Masonic Avenue at about 3:45 p.m. while walking home from school. The girl described her attacker as a white male juvenile, about 15 years old, 5-foot-5, with a skinny build, wearing a dark blue helmet and dark blue knit long-sleeve sweater with a green horizontal stripe. He was gone when officers arrived. Police are investigating.

On the morning of July 18 the custodian at Marin School on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported that during the night thieves had stolen an outside bench that was bolted into the cement. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of July 18 a resident on the 900 block of Solano Avenue reported that thieves had stolen his white '86 Chevrolet Caprice parked in front of his home. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of July 19 a resident on the 600 block of Talbot Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into his red '94 Mercury and prowled the interior. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of July 19 a resident reported that her gray '91 Toyota Camry had been stolen while parked near the BART path on Brighton Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of July 20 a resident on the 1100 block of Garfield Street reported that thieves had broken into his home while he was asleep. He did not see that anything had been taken and the intruder departed unseen.

At about 2 a.m. officers responded to the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a woman causing a disturbance. Officers contacted the 33-year-old San Leandro woman and found she had an outstanding warrant from Oakland for disorderly conduct. She was arrested, cited and released with a Notice

to Appear.

At about 3 p.m. on July 21 an employee at a residence on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a man was intoxicated and causing a disturbance by swearing and then refused to leave. She had also ordered a pizza and then refused to pay for it. She contacted the 32-year-old woman and arrested her, causing a disturbance. She was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

During the week of July 19, officers towed bicycles, responded to eight alarms, attended to four deceased animals, and one person who was injured at her house.

In the domestic arena, officers responded to four requests, eight civil disturbances and 57 civil assists. Officers stopped 115 cars and towed 18 vehicles. Officers issued 62 citations and warnings.

A firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and 17 emergencies.

Wallet-snatcher makes getaway on bike

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — On July 6 at 5:40 p.m. a 41-year-old Edwards Avenue resident discovered a thief removing several items from her unlocked vehicle. The woman stopped the thief in progress and chased him as he rode away on a bicycle. The thief did get away with some items; property loss was estimated at \$43.

On July 6 at 6:15 p.m. in the parking lot of the Guitar Center on San Pablo Avenue an unknown suspect stole a wallet from the hands of a 33-year-old Alameda woman. The thief made his escape on a bicycle.

On the morning of July 5 police received a report of arson. Somebody had set fire to newspapers on the north side walkway of the Senior Center on Stockton Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On July 5 at 7:49 a.m. it was reported that somebody had stolen mail, including a check, from the mailbox of a Lassen Street house. There were no witnesses to the crime.

On July 5 between 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. somebody burglarized a house in the 5700 block of Charles Avenue. The burglar apparently broke the rear bathroom with a garden tool from a storage shed to gain en-

try, but may have found an unlocked door. Property loss was estimated at \$2,100 and \$25 for the window. There were no witnesses.

On July 5 at 4 p.m. a man tried to cash a stolen check at the Bank of America on San Pablo Avenue. The suspect, a 40-year-old San Pablo man, fled the bank after attempting to cash the check.

On July 4 at 11 a.m. somebody entered the service door of the J.R. Muggs coffee shop on San Pablo Avenue and stole a purse. There were no witnesses. Property loss was estimated at \$50.

Sometime between July 4 at 3 p.m. and July 5 at 10 a.m. somebody broke the 6- by 8-foot front window of Scott's Nails on San Pablo Avenue. There was no entry or property loss and no witnesses. Cost to replace the window was estimated at \$1,000.

Sometime between July 3 at 4:20 p.m. and July 4 at 2 p.m. somebody scratched the right rear side of a 2000 Chevrolet Corvette parked in the 900 block of Galvin Drive. There were no witnesses; the cost to repair the damage was estimated at \$1,000.

Sometime between July 3 at 6:30 p.m. and July 4 at 10 a.m. somebody pried open the right rear window of a 1987 Honda Civic parked in the 2300 block of Humboldt Avenue. The window shattered and the burglar stole

an in-dash stereo and cash out of the car. There were no witnesses. The property loss was estimated at \$201 for the stereo change and \$200 to replace the window.

On July 2 at 11:52 p.m. a 18-year-old Oakland man foiled in an attempt to counterfeiter check. The man signed the back of the one-foot check and provided a fingerprint to its face. Alert America employees who called the check was counterfeited called police who subsequently arrested the suspect.

On July 2 between 8 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. somebody burglarized a residence in the 1200 block of Elm Street. The burglar entered the through a rear bedroom window and then ransacked the bedroom, the smaller bedroom and the front room.

On July 2 between 8 p.m. and 8 p.m. somebody stole CDs and a stereo remote from an unlocked Ford parked in the 3200 block of Mont Avenue. There were no witnesses. Property loss was estimated to be \$90.

On July 1 at 12:30 p.m. a 53-year-old Richmond man arrested for attempted burglary at the Plaza Lombard store. The suspect had concealed \$86.29 worth of merchandise in a backpack and the store without paying

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Advocates want funding for low-income student bus pass

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Advocates of free bus passes for students rallied in front of El Cerrito High School on Monday, urging students to tell their parents and clergy to attend Wednesday's Metropolitan Transportation Commission meeting in Oakland to demand funding.

"This is history in the making. See how government works for you," State Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, D-Berkeley, told a crowd of about 100 summer school students studying government and world history, among other subjects.

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson and Aroner want the MTC to cough up \$12 million for a three-year pilot program to provide free bus passes to middle and high school students in the AC Transit district who are eligible for free or subsidized school lunches.

Last week the El Cerrito City Council voted unanimously to support the proposal.

Councilwoman Janet Abelson talked about the benefits of the program earlier this week. "This will help children reach their full potential," she said. "When they don't have the opportunity to go to school and learn they don't have the opportunity to reach their full potential."

She pointed out that local prop-

erty values, and the resulting tax base, should improve as students in the district do better and the school district improves test scores. "Our property values are partly a function of our school system," she noted.

"You could get into what kids then might do if they aren't in school," Abelson added. "There are so many ways to look at this that all point towards the need to have this kind of a program." She also noted that money to fund the pilot program would come from transportation funds and not from the city's budget.

The AC Transit District extends from Pinole to Fremont. Gioia and Carson estimate that 30,000 students would be eligible for free passes.

High fares force many poor families to choose between putting food on the table or sending their kids to school, Gioia, Carson and Aroner say.

Now, students pay \$27 for monthly bus passes. Single-trip fares are \$1.35, plus 25 cents for a transfer.

Flanked by a coterie of transit officials, transit advocates, social services activists and ministers, several students related misadventures caused by high fares: walking two miles to and from school; forgoing an after-school program; and having to walk home after football practice because a transfer bought on the way there had expired.

Zaneda Bradley, 15, a 10th-grader from Hercules, thought even a discount would be a step up. "Elementary kids can get the yellow bus. Why can't we get the AC Transit for 50 cents?" she asked.

Teacher Darilyn Washington said free bus passes would provide relief to her and her colleagues as well.

"Students are always asking us to lend/give them bus money," Washington said. "You don't expect to get it back."

MTC Chairwoman Sharon Brown agrees with the premise behind the free passes but doesn't think the money is available. Because it covers a nine-county region, the MTC must do what is "regionally equitable," she said.

In 1999, West County school officials noted that attendance at the district's middle schools dropped off toward the end of every month because families have less money for bus fares.

Not only does children's education suffer, but school budgets lose state funds allocated by daily attendance. A 1999 West County school district study estimated the district's four middle schools lost a total of almost \$150,000 in the first six months of the 1998-'99 school year because students missed school because of transportation problems.

J.R. Deaton contributed to this report.



MEMBERS OF Brownie Troop 1794 (left to right) Karin Allen, co-leader Sheila Erickson, Emily Murphy, Kaia Morrow, Corey Chin, Vanlyda In, Theresa Aller, Charlotte Perry-Houts, Zoe Pollak, Kioma Palkhivala, co-leader Julie Allen, Erika Jauregui, Rachel Erickson, and Melia Ungson.

Brownie troop helps SchoolCARE effort

ALBANY — The third grade girls of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1794 recently decided to contribute the funds left over in their troop coffer to SchoolCARE. Co-leaders Julie Allen and Sheila Erickson asked the girls how they would like to distribute the year's remaining funds.

The Brownies enthusiastically suggested SchoolCARE, the effort to raise money to pay for things in Albany schools which

were eliminated due to budget cuts.

Along with Troop 1794, many Albany community members are contributing to the SchoolCARE effort.

Already over \$150,000 has been raised and promised to the school district for restoring performing arts and science at the elementary schools, counseling and after school sports at the middle school, and several course

sections at the high school in the fall. The group is working toward a goal of \$10,000 more by Aug. 1 in order to complete the major items from each school's "wish list."

To contribute, mail your check to: 1563 Solano Ave., #537, Berkeley, CA 94707. To contribute by credit card, or for more information, visit: www.AlbanySchoolCARE.org.

Sharks, Jets return in 'West Side Story'

EL CERRITO — Contra Costa Civic Theatre continues its performance of "West Side Story," based on the book by Arthur Laurents, with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Performances, under the direction of Kathleen Ray, are July 29 and Aug. 9.

The musical, an adaptation of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," is set in New York City, where rival street gangs battle for territory and respect. A romance develops between two teens from those rival gangs.

Tickets are \$15 general and \$6 for youths 16 and under.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre is at 951 Pomona Ave.

For reservations call 510-524-9132. For group sales, call 510-524-6654.



CATHERINE SCHULTZ/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
IN THE CCCT production Danielle DuBois plays Anita and Michael F. Ortiz plays Bernardo.

Young actors staging Fiddler on the Roof

Campers from Albany-based Stage Door Conservatory's "On Broadway" program for grades 5-9 will be performing "Fiddler on the Roof, Jr." this summer. The campers have been working since July 2 on learning all aspects of musical theater from acting, singing, and dancing to creating their own sets and props.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 10; at 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 11-12, at the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave. in Berkeley. Tickets are available at the door: \$12 for adults and \$8 for children, students with valid ID, and seniors. Call 510-527-5939 for more information.

The performers from Albany: Hannah Kramer (Avram) is entering fifth grade at Marin Elementary; Rachel Ranney (Hodel) is entering seventh grade at Albany Middle School; Jane Bobet (Yente, Herschel), Lauren Ford

(Shprintze, Rivkah, Yacob), Elena Murphy (Constable), Ben Sandberg (Tevye), Jonathan Sandberg (Lazar Wolf), and Laura Smith-Heimer (understudy for Golde) are entering eighth grade at Albany Middle School; and "Backstage" Theater Apprentice Athalia Markowitz (Stage Manager/Assistant Director) will be entering 12th grade at Albany High School. Kensington resident Lisa Aultman (Perchik) is entering eighth grade at Portola Middle School.

NEWS BRIEFS

Neighbors asked to take part in National Night Out

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, the El Cerrito Citizens' Crime Prevention Committee and the El Cerrito Police Department will again be sponsoring a Night Out in El Cerrito as part of the 18th annual National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

This nationwide campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, neighborhood organizations, and local officials from more than 9,000 communities from all 50 states.

The event's objective is to raise public awareness of the importance of citizen participation in preventing criminal activity in the community and promote neighborhood unity. El Cerrito plans to focus on block parties so you can get to know your neighbors and police officers. However, organizers say, neighborhoods have shown unity by simply turning porch lights on and taking time to visit with neighbors, or walking through the neighborhood with neighbors.

If your neighborhood would like to participate, or you would like more information, contact Scott McCormick at 510-237-2852; police Detective Robert De La Campa at 510-215-4422 or Ky Katsumoto at 510-234-8704.

CCCT needs carpentry, construction volunteers

Carpentry and construction volunteers turn raw materials into beautiful sets for shows at Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito. The nonprofit community theater, now in its 41st year, is recruiting set construction directors for one or more shows per year.

These volunteers need some construction or home building experience, can read and explain design plans, etc. Also needed are set construction workers with basic home repair skills to work as part of an enthusiastic team. Times are somewhat flexible. Leave a message for Marilyn Storer at 510-524-6654.

Upcoming poetry events at Albany Library

Come to First Thursdays and Second Wednesdays at the Albany Library. First Thursdays include an Open Mike and Featured Poet; August's event is Thursday, Aug. 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room, with featured poet Richard Silberg.

Second Wednesdays are a Poetry Writing Workshop, led by Alison Seevak. August's is August 8, from 7 to 9 p.m., also in the Edith Stone Room.

Both events are free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served. The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave, Albany. Questions? Call Richard Russo at 526-3720 ext 18

Cerrito Creek work party

Join Friends of Five Creeks in removing brush to make a new trail along Cerrito Creek, 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Bring work gloves and clippers if you have

them. Meet at Creekside Park (south end of Belmont Street), El Cerrito. Details: 510-848-9358, f5creeks@aol.com, www.five-creeks.org.

Housing assistance for disabled, elderly

Contra Costa County residents who want to apply for a state-sponsored program that offers financial housing assistance to the disabled and elderly can pick up an application at one of state Sen. Tom Torlakson's three district offices, the senator has announced.

Forms for the annual Homeowners and Renters Assistance Program can be found at the senator's district office at 2801 Concord Blvd. in Concord, at the Dublin satellite office at 100 Civic Plaza in Dublin, and the joint governmental center at 420 West Third St. in Antioch.

"Due to increased state funding, the homeowners and renters assistance will allow for a one-time, 150 percent increase in assistance payments for senior citizens, as well as for blind or disabled individuals," a spokeswoman for Torlakson said.

"The state Franchise Tax Board provides the financial assistance in the form of a check and the refund is based on household income scale."

Details: 925-602-6593.

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This Week at Emmett Eiland's... New shipments of rugs have just arrived — the showroom looks wonderful. Come in this weekend for a preview.

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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

California's new crime wave

■ How to protect yourself against identity theft

By Bill Lockyer
CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Despite historic lows in violent crime rates, Californians today are more at risk than ever of becoming victims of crime. The fastest growing crime wave in our state and America today is the crime of identity theft. An estimated 750,000 Americans per year are victims of identity theft schemes, up from 40,000 in 1992 — an 18-fold increase.

What makes identity theft so devastating is the ease with which criminals can perpetrate the offense and the enormous damage that can be inflicted upon its victims. Thieves can steal wallets, snatch your mail with your bank and credit card statements, complete a "change of address form" to divert your mail to another location, "dumpster dive" for personal data and access personal information you share on the Internet. Once in possession of your identifying details, scam artists can use your credit card or open up a new account. They can drain your bank account, establish phone or wireless service, file for bankruptcy, counterfeit checks or debit cards and take out loans — all in your name. For victims, the trauma and hassle associated with restoring your credit, clearing your name or, in some cases, escaping criminal prosecution can take an average of two years to complete.

My office is coordinating the work of five regional Hi-Tech Task Forces throughout the state to investigate and prosecute identity theft. We are also developing new Identity Theft prosecution units to work with these task forces. But, the single most effective way to fight identity theft is for you to prevent criminals from accessing your personal information.

Taking the following steps will help protect you against identity theft:

Never give out your Social Security number, except when absolutely necessary, such as to your employer.

Do not give out personal information on the phone,

through the mail or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or know the individual or organization.

Before giving personal data to a company, ask how the information will be used, whether it will be transferred to third parties (mailing lists) and if you can keep your information confidential.

If your bills don't arrive on time, follow up with creditors. An identity thief may have taken over your credit card account and changed your billing address.

Review bank and credit card statements each month for fraudulent activity. If anything is amiss, immediately report the problem to your bank or credit card company.

Periodically order your credit report from the three major credit reporting agencies and check for accuracy.

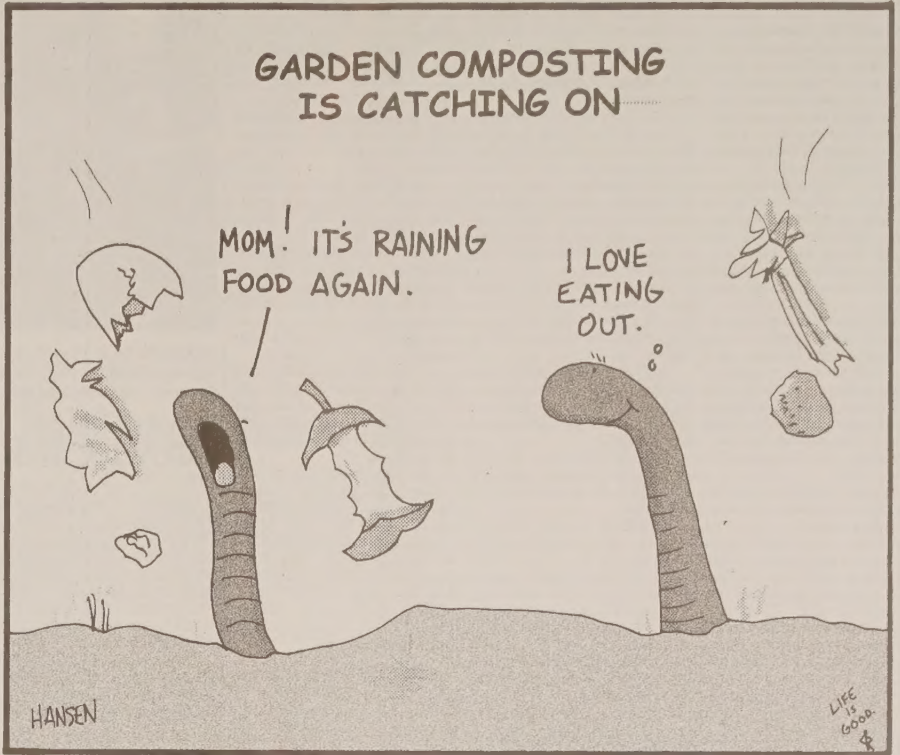
Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes or at your local post office. Do not leave mail in your personal mail box.

Put passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts.

Buy a shredder, and use it.

If you should become a victim of identity theft, contact law enforcement and complete a crime report. Report the theft to the three major credit reporting agencies, and ask that your accounts be flagged. Contact all creditors with whom your name has been used fraudulently — by phone and in writing. Document and date all your efforts. Continue to check your credit card bills and credit reports. You should also contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at 877-IDTHEFT to file a complaint. If you are wrongfully prosecuted for criminal charges due to identity theft, contact the California Department of Justice and the FBI and obtain information on how to clear your name. For civil charges, contact the court where the judgment was entered.

For additional information on how to protect yourself from identity theft, visit our Web site at www.ag.ca.gov or contact the FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580 or at www.ftc.gov.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop the recall

Besides our professional pursuits, some of us answer a call to the community through volunteerism.

I choose to provide youth recreational venues in baseball and football programs — probably 900 hours a year in the last several years. And I know that 35 of my 52 weekends are taken up by my work with youths. The real satisfaction comes from touching the lives of 7- to 15-year-olds and knowing you may have done something to keep them out of risk.

Other folks run for City Council, sit on advisory committees, raise funds, coach, and the like. All such people have one thing in common: They hold true the simple philosophy that participation in the privileges of society precludes participation in the responsibilities, as well.

All endeavors that touch children rise to a higher level. Teachers, for example — the primary career path with volunteerism built right in — fit that description.

In my volunteer efforts I've learned that the more you do, the more they will expect. And don't be looking for praise and acknowledgement. Your efforts must be selfless.

My point? Although I feel teaching is a higher calling, the professionals who choose that field must also earn enough to survive.

Therefore, when I see this in-fighting between teachers and the Albany school board members, it really bothers me. I propose the Albany teachers, whom I support, reflect on the fact that the school board members volunteer their time on that board. By attempting a recall of those volunteers, the concept of volunteerism is undermined.

This recall business must stop now. Besides being an embarrassment to Albany, our first consideration must be our kids' welfare.

Mike Adney
Albany

We must conserve

People don't know fluorescent lights use 20 percent of the energy used by regular light bulbs; that electric cars use 50 percent of the energy used by internal-combustion cars.

They don't know standard air-conditioning uses 10 times more energy than water-evaporation coolers; that all these old, standard technologies produce a lot of environmental heat, one of the causes of global warming.

People don't know burning of octane puts eight times more greenhouse gas in the atmosphere than burning natural gas. High-carbon fuels such as heating oil, diesel and coal are far worse.

Even if they do know all of this, they will only reduce their energy usage if their indulgence becomes too painful, financially, to keep it up.

A gas and electricity pricing structure (baseline usage and over-baseline usage) is already in place but it doesn't induce conservation because the price difference

is too small. The over-baseline unit prices should be three or four times higher than the baseline unit price. Only then will people turn off lights, moderately heat or cool only one or two rooms of the house, only use dryers in emergencies, keep refrigerators on a low setting, etc.

As for gasoline, diesel, heating oil and coal, a hefty carbon-tax will result in lesser usage of these products and induce people to switch to less polluting systems. The more carbon there is in a fuel, the higher the tax will be. Yes, \$4 a gallon for gas and \$6 a gallon for diesel is no fun, but it will, in 10 years time, make our cities livable again.

These conservation measures will be fought, hand and foot, by the energy corporations that only want us to buy more energy at a higher price and a bigger profit margin for themselves. But the people, by reducing their usage of energy, have it in their power to turn a situation of excessive demand and high prices into one of excessive supply and lower prices.

The consumer is all powerful if he can liberate himself from his own wasteful habits.

And, if you care about global warming, press for a carbon tax and plant a tree. Trees inhale greenhouse gas, exhale oxygen, give shade and are pretty. Trees are our best friends.

Jan H. Visser
Berkeley

Commendable support in breast cancer fight

On behalf of Avon Products Inc. and the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade, I would like to thank the citizens of Berkeley and the surrounding communities for their support and involvement in the San Francisco Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day. The tremendous outpouring of support through time, effort and donations is truly commendable: nearly 3,000 people will walk 60 miles over three days and hundreds of local volunteers will help them along on their journey. In addition, tens of thousands of people will donate to the cause, and the end result will net millions of dollars for the fight against breast cancer.

From July 27-29, thousands of compassionate women and men will participate in this three-day, 60-mile walk from San Jose to San Francisco. This extraordinary undertaking will raise money and awareness for breast cancer programs nationwide, including biomedical research, clinical care, financial assistance and support services, educational seminars and non-profit, community-based breast health programs, with a focus on medically underserved women. The San Francisco event is one of nine Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day fundraising walks taking place across the country this year.

Since the inaugural Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day in 1998 through the 2000 series, the fundraising walks have generated net proceeds of \$65 million to fund access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer.

Nationwide people in cities like San Francisco are making a difference.

The breast cancer fight is of vital importance. Breast cancer continues to be the leading form of cancer for women ages 40-55. All women are at risk. The best chance for successful treatment still lies with early detection, and the American Cancer Society recommends women follow these steps: annual mammograms beginning at age 40, annual breast exams by a medical professional beginning at age 20; and monthly breast self exams beginning at age 20.

For more details on the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day or to pledge financial support, please call toll-free at 888-3DAY-AVON or visit our Web site at www.breastcancer3day.org and www.avoncrusade.com.

Kathleen Walas
President, Avon Products
Foundation
and walker in five Avon Breast
Cancer 3-Days

Possible solutions

There are now in place several state programs intended to manage the financial problems of PG&E, Social Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric.

What follows is an attempt to analyze the problems and to suggest an alternative solution.

Current demand exceeds supply. The current problem arose because the state's attempt at deregulation placed a cap on retail prices but none on wholesale prices. The state is now putting in place increased price caps; but these are still price caps. Price caps are price controls, which always fail to allow supply to increase.

The present poor state of utility finances is due to the price caps, which prevented the utilities from recovering their costs because users paid less than the market rate for the services. Therefore, users benefited financially from the price caps.

Having the state make the utilities whole will use current taxpayer dollars and will include the cost of interest on any money borrowed, plus state employee costs. This use of our dollars will require either new taxes or neglecting basic needs.

The state's efforts have failed and will continue to do so and we user-taxpayers ultimately become responsible for the problems.

An alternative approach would be to remove all price caps. Since we will have to pay in any case, remove the state from the scenario and permit the marketplace to solve the supply-and-demand issue.

Permit the utilities to collect from user-taxpayers what they should have paid — based on their records of individual usage — from the time the price caps were put in place. This can be done by placing surcharges on current bills in a manner to minimize the impact.

This would enable the utilities to borrow against the income stream and alleviate their current financial difficulties.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

YMCA plays important role in Albany child care

By Gail Drulis
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALBANY YMCA

As a parent of a child in Kids' Club and the Executive Director of the Albany YMCA, I am writing in response to the article "Marin Parents Caught in Care Dilemma" in the July 20 Journal.

As I read through the article, I was troubled that no one from the Albany YMCA was interviewed for the article; therefore I am writing this letter to clarify information about our Kids' Club program.

Historically speaking the Albany YMCA has been partnering with the Albany School District for more than 20 years to provide quality, affordable and convenient before- and after-school childcare to students enrolled in Albany schools.

Not only as the executive director, but also as a parent of a child in the program, I have witnessed firsthand the good work

the staff at the Albany YMCA Kids' Club does in providing a safe, educational and nurturing environment for my child. The Albany YMCA Kids' Club is a licensed program through the state of California. The teachers often referred to as Site Coordinators and Recreation Coordinators, do have early childhood education units and have documented experience working with children. The Albany YMCA operates Kids' Club at a 1:8 or 1:10 ratio. Also the Albany YMCA assumes the entire financial and logistical burdens of running the program.

The proposed expansion of the Albany Children's Center should be evaluated in the context of the whole community's needs, and with full and open discussions among all of the District's partners in serving Albany

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Students Letterman show appearance was for the birds

Who does David Letterman think he is?

On the fourth straight year, Westmont High School birders flew to New York to appear on "The Late Show" on Friday July 16. But for the first time in almost a year, only four actually got on the show.

Minutes before air time, the four students, Rachel Winokur and Rachel Wino-Perre, were told they wouldn't be on the show. It was a big disappointment, and they were told they wouldn't be on the show. It was a big disappointment, and they were told they wouldn't be on the show.

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MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

son's successor on "The Tonight Show," Jay Leno, refused to even consider the birdcallers because he was nervous about being in Carson's shadow and he didn't want anything on the show that reminded people of Johnny. And he paid them \$100 each as an appearance fee.

He also paid for their plane fare and hotel rooms, and he picked up the tab for their dinner after the show.

"Besides," says Rachel, "we were forewarned that they'd probably cut one act at the last minute. So who am I to complain?" But I can't help remembering how it was in the old days, when the kids were on the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson.

Unlike Letterman, who insists on having his own staff pick those who will be on the show, Carson let Leonard J. Waxdeck, the faculty sponsor, decide. Waxdeck invariably picked the contest winners plus all the graduating seniors, which meant up to a dozen kids would fly to Burbank each year, and every one of them appeared on the show.

Letterman only wants three acts, and they have to fit a tight, pre-determined demographic profile: one boy, one girl, and one duet.

This year, Letterman's staff selected Jared DiMartini as the boy, Sarah Heilbron as the girl, plus two duets: Jill & Rachel and Lena & Erin, one of which would be cut at the last minute.

They flew to New York separately. Sarah arrived first, on Saturday, which enabled her to take in a couple of Broadway shows: "Aida" and "The Music Man."

Jared arrived next — all the way from Spain. The Letterman producers had originally selected Cody Craig to fill the "boy" slot, but when he declined due to schedule conflicts, they had to scramble to find a substitute until they finally tracked down Jared in Spain, where he was vacationing.

Lena, Rachel and Jill arrived on Sunday. Erin didn't arrive until Monday morning, the day of the show.

Reason: She's currently appearing in the Piedmont Light Opera's production of "Kiss Me Kate," and couldn't miss the Sunday matinee. So she took the redeye flight late Sunday night and arrived bleary-eyed in New York, at 10 a.m.

There was only time for Erin to catch a half-hour nap before a Letterman staffer arrived at 12:30 to take them to the Ed Sullivan Theater for the dress rehearsal.

For Sarah and Jared, it was a cakewalk; they already knew they were as good as in. But for the two pairs, Lena & Erin and Jill & Rachel, this was make or break time: One pair would be in and one pair would be out.

Lena and Erin had an ace up their sleeves (actually, up Erin's hair): a single bobby pin, which was the only thing they used to pin up Erin's long, flowing tresses. At the climax of their call, when Lena grabbed Erin by her shoulders and shook her with all her might, Erin's hair came tumbling down right on cue.

"We decided to have me shake her because her hair is longer," explains Lena. "It made a great visual effect."

But they all had to sweat it out a few more hours, because the final thumbs-up/thumbs-down wouldn't come until just before the show itself.

So they killed time by lunching at the Stage Door Deli ("enormous amounts of food at equally enormous prices," says Sarah) and shopping for stockings for Sarah so she wouldn't catch cold in Letterman's notoriously freezing studio.

At 4:15 it was back to the Ed Sullivan Theater. The show would start in 45 minutes, at 5:30. Finally, they'd find out.

5 p.m. came and went, but no word. Then 5:15. Still no word. Only 15 minutes to air time. Erin turned to Rachel and Jill and said, "Listen, I just want you to know that if you get picked and we don't, I'll still be happy for you guys."

"Me too!" Jill and Rachel replied, almost in unison. "I feel the same way!" At 5:20, a producer named Matt Roberts stuck his head in the door and said, "Did Celia (another producer) tell you who's on the show?" "No," they said.

"Oops," he said. "I'm really sorry about that. OK, here it is. We want you to know that we really loved you all, and this isn't any reflection on any of you. . . ." (Meanwhile, they were all thinking, "Forget the apologies! Get on with it! Tell us!") Finally, he got to the point. Sarah, Jared, Lena and Erin were in; Rachel and Jill were out.

So Jill and Sarah waited backstage while the others were fitted out with portable microphones. One of the technicians chided Sarah because she wore a different dress than she had at the dress rehearsal,

and this one didn't have any pockets.

"You changed your dress!" he wailed. "Where am I going to put the power pack for the mike?" He finally settled for the small of her back, right against her skin. "It was freezing!" she says.

Then it was time. Sarah was scheduled to go on first. Stage manager Biff Henderson said, "Go!" And out she went.

Trouble was, Letterman read the wrong cue card and said, "Our first birdcaller is Jared DiMartini." And he kept addressing her as Jared throughout their conversation, until she finally set him straight. "I'm actually Sarah Heilbron," she said. They went on to some very funny give-and-take, and Sarah gave as good as she got.

Then Jared — the real one this time — came on. Then Lena and Erin. Letterman pretended to be relieved when Lena told him they were the second-place winners in this year's contest.

"We won second place last year, too," added Erin.

"How come you weren't on the show last year?" he asked.

"You didn't invite us," she replied sweetly.

The audience roared; but inside, Erin was thinking, "Oh no! I sound like such a brat!" Then the show was over, and they all went to an expensive Italian restaurant in midtown Manhattan, with instructions to send the bill to the Letterman show.

Rachel, Lena and Sarah all independently used the same word to describe the food: "mediocre."

"The entrees were blah," says Sarah. "And there was some hideous green thing for dessert that tasted worse than it looked."

"The funny thing is that we

went out on our own to a really, really cheap Italian place in the Village the night before," adds Lena, "and the food was unbelievably great — which is good news for me, because I'm going to NYU next year."

Then it was back to the hotel, where they all changed into their PJ's and piled into Lena's room to watch the show at 11:30.

"We were so giddy by that time," says Sarah, "we thought everything was absolutely hilarious. We couldn't stop laughing at Jared. He was so funny."

The next morning, Jared flew back to Spain; Jill flew back to Minnesota, where she's been attending camp for the summer; and the rest flew back to Oakland.

It was an uneventful flight for most, but Lena and Erin were recognized by a flight attendant as soon as they boarded the plane.

"I saw you last night on David Letterman!" he screamed. At his urging, the other flight attendants, passengers and crew crowded into the back of the cabin to listen to Lena and Erin performing their call, the European Wigeon, to resounding cheers. Then they made the girls enquire with their call from last year, the Marbled Godwit.

As for Jill and Sarah, they're already swallowing their disappointment about not getting on Letterman this year and making plans to get on the show next year. (After all, they are the defending birdcalling champions.) They'll be back, and so will their rooting section. "If they're back next year," says Jill's grandmother, Josie Little, "I'll be back, too."

Phone Martin Snapp at 510-273-9039 or e-mail him at catman@california.com.

Lake County offers wineries and galleries in an unhyped environment

corner of the Wildhurst vineyards tasting room. There are shelves devoted to information. Lake County's myriad attractions are laid out in glowing detail in brochures, pamphlets and newsletters.

grabbed my share, desiring to know more about what's waiting on the shores of America's largest freshwater lake, and possibly North America's oldest. For one thing, I found that birding in the area is terrific. Birding, by the way, is one of California's fastest growing activities. My personal relationship with Clear Lake is an odd one. I used to tape our syndicated program from a station in the area that was owned by business partners. Weekly, I'd drive north, record a drive, grab a quick lunch at a restaurant and eagerly return home. Occasionally, if we'd stay over and have some of the pleasures of the lake has to do with it. As a result, we have come to do in the Middletown, Lake County and Lakeport area. Now, mind you, we haven't had for bass yet, though the waters some of the best in the state. We also haven't participated in "Taking it to the lake," a motorcycle rally and the lake for charity, although it's a fantasy for both of us. I'm a couple of Harleys. I've kayaked, though I'm not going to try that next

that we have done is wine-tasting. I've browsed and driven into



MIKE CLEARY
The Food and Travel Enthusiast

Kelseyville, the Pear Capital of the World, you'll notice acres of vineyards. So, you ask, what's a nice wine doing in a pear joint like this? Turns out grapes are no stranger to the region. In pre-prohibition days, Lake County boasted 36 wineries and 7,000 acres of grape vines.

Today there's but a handful of wineries and you can visit them in a day. If you drive into Lake County on Highway 29 from Napa, your first stop is Guenoc and Langtry Estates Vineyards and Winery (707-987-9127) in Middletown. Their wines are exceptional and the history of the property is fascinating.

Much of the Guenoc property was owned at one time by Lillie Langtry. Space doesn't allow me to expand on this extraordinary woman, except to say in her day she was Julia, Madonna, Barbra and Oprah wrapped into one. But then, so is my wife. By the way, Guenoc is a marvelous spot to picnic. Rumors are Lillie's ghost wanders about. I'd like to think so.

Next stop, Ployez Winery (707-994-2106) in Lower Lake. No ghosts here, but this French family makes the county's only sparkling wine. In Kelseyville, just off Highway 29, is Steel Wines (707-279-9475). Jed Steel is an extremely

gifted winemaker. We are great fans. Visit the winery on a Saturday and catch the farmers market.

Finally, there's Wildhurst Vineyards (800-595-WINE). Their tasting room, which re-

sembles an old-fashioned general store, is in an historic building in downtown Kelseyville. Here's where the pears and the grapes merge. According to the winery's history, fifth generation pear

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This is a good spot to wind

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Mixing finance, creating art colors one man's experience

John Dawson always liked to draw, but although he gave it an idle thought now and then, he never did make art a serious part of his education. So when he wearied of his banking career it was almost with surprise that he realized what he really wanted to be was an artist.

And it was almost delighted shock when he discovered acrylics, only about a year and a half ago, and understood that this was his medium.

One of the wonderful thing about acrylic painting is the ability to use color as it appears in no other medium — vibrant, brilliant color. Dawson says he tried watercolors but found them uninspired. And that is what you see when you enter the exhibit in the atrium of the Albany Community Center: the vivid, vibrant color in his paintings.

Not having taken the art

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classes does leave John Dawson with some blanks in his knowledge, but he finds they are being filled in by mentors, such as the artist who called him to comment on his paintings in the exhibit, and gave him background on the canvases and how to prepare them. Fortunately, Dawson has found that you can buy them already primed. But it is this kind of knowledge that comes to him through fellow artists and interested people that he treasures.

Dawson has another talent which he should not neglect. His use of the English language is delightful, and he has a turn of phrase that is endearing. For instance, in his "artist's statement" he writes: "I have spent much of my alleged adult life

working as an officer/manager in large institutional banks with a client base of investment managers and mutual funds. With boundless empathy and social conscience, I dedicated the first ten years out of college assisting underprivileged wealthy people invest their money."

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., Dawson grew up in Jackson, Mich., "a very economically depressed town in the rust belt, with everything closed down" with the exception of the world's largest maximum security prison. When he went to Ann Arbor he considered going to art school, but really didn't feel a calling. So he graduated in Economics. He says he "had a lot of fun" in college, mentioning college football and interning during the summer. He interned with, and then got a job with the big banking conglomerate, Chase Manhattan, in the private bank-

ing department, "which, if nothing else gave me a very thick skin." And he adds, "I still encourage people to tell me what they really think of my paintings."

He tried living in New York, but despised it. "I couldn't achieve the emotional level of so much misery." When his company offered him a transfer to San Francisco he took it immediately. Again I quote him:

"You see, California was an almost mythical place of extra bright and heavy color contrasts to those of us growing up in the rust belt (sort of like Camelot without Richard Harris singing), the place where they held the Rose Bowl, from where Hobie Cats, movies and presidents came. The television presented cartoonish Disney-like images of mountains, sand, ocean and oversized novelty pine trees called 'redwoods', all situated in a locale where the

weather was rarely 'plague-like.' As a result, my mind amalgamated this strange land into a collage that simultaneously defied domestic convention and physical laws in a sensory sponge bath and dopamine flood; becoming a place of surplus rainbows, one which no single color spectrum could ever contain."

And he adds: "Though I've lived here for nearly a decade, I am still routinely overtaken by that same sense of child-like wonder and amusement at this garish and almost obscenely beautiful state."

He did consider becoming a writer, wrote for the Asbury Park Press and did some poetry readings in San Francisco. He did also marry, briefly, in New York.

Now, to support his work as an artist, he still works in banking. But he also does commission painting of children

and pets. Although he said painting portraits is difficult, especially when done as a commission, he enjoys the challenge and he really likes doing the pets, especially dogs.

He speaks of the great help he received from Key Coffee and her committee when exhibiting his exhibit in the Albany Community Center, and of the assistance of the place. He will soon have some paintings exhibited in the Laneyville Pub/Restaurant on San Francisco and in Decks Framing and Solano Avenue.

John Dawson calls his work D O-riginals and he can be reached at 510-528-3127.

It was Key Coffee's promise to lease that led me to John Dawson, and I am glad I followed the lead. As always, I invite your input. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4356.

REUNIONS

Antioch High School, Class of 1976, is celebrating its 25-year reunion Friday, July 27-Sunday, July 29. Visit www.classmates.com, contact 925-777-0300 or e-mail dgrant@wvdb.org.

Pleasant Hill High School graduates are holding an "all-classes" reunion picnic at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Pleasant Hill Park, Area #1. Bring your own food. Contact Christine (Looney) Crecellus at 925-674-8400 or 925-685-3991.

Richmond Union High School, Class of 1971, is celebrating its 30-year reunion Friday, Aug. 10-Sunday, Aug. 12, in Walnut Creek and Concord. Contact Linda (Casady) Hubbard at 707-642-1990 or e-mail ruhs_reunion_1971@hotmail.com.

Hogan High School, Class of 1966, will be holding its 35-year reunion Friday, Aug. 10-Sunday, Aug. 12, in the Vallejo area. Deadline for reservations is May 15. Contact JoAnn (Henkel) Mansfield at 707-553-8342, or Peggy (Huvelier) Piccolo at 707-257-6047.

Mt. Diablo High School, Class of 1971, is celebrating its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 11, with a dinner-dance at the Concord.

Sheraton, Call 925-676-5263, 925-756-7144 or 209-656-1738.

Fremont High School, classes of 1950 to 1960, in Oakland is holding a reunion picnic on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Contact Mike Moffett at 408-867-0405; Frank Capilla at 925-462-1891; or Jane Steffes at 925-283-3156.

Concord High School, Class of 1981, is planning its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 18 and organizers are trying to locate classmates. Call 925-695-2021, ext. 3475, or e-mail

CHS1981@onebox.com.

Vallejo High School, Class of 1951, is holding its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Vallejo Elks Club. Contact Barbara (Butler) Holbrook at 707-255-9705 or Marjorie (West) Christensen at 707-224-4680.

Clayton Valley High School, Class of 1981, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Great Reunions at 800-655-7971.

Pineole Valley High School, Class of 1986, is celebrating its 15-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25, at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Contact Kelly (Emry) Davis at 925-674-0823.

Pleasant Hill High School, Class of 1961, is celebrating its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek; a picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 26, at Roger Smith Park in Pleasant Hill. Contact Kathy Fairbanks Jackson at 925-754-1952 or e-mail Beverly Hannon Runyen at bjflamingo@aol.com.

Pacific High School, classes of 1956-1976, will celebrate an all-class reunion on Friday, Aug. 31-Sunday, Sept. 2. Seeking classmates from the once-West Pittsburg school. Call Teri at 925-679-1140 Diana 937-320-2276 or check the Web site at www.spartanulmni.com for more information.

Novato High School, Class of 1961, is holding its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 8, and Sunday, Sept. 9. Organizers are searching for classmates; contact Karoline (Eickel) Esquivel at 415-883-1720 or Bob Porteous at 530-246-0454.

Liberty High School, Class of 1981, is planning its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Sheraton Concord

Hotel. Contact Paula Lorenzetti at 925-778-3352.

Northgate High School, Class of 1976, is celebrating its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527.

Ygnacio Valley High School, Class of 1976, is holding its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527.

Arroyo High School, Class of 1971, is planning its 30-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 15. Classmates call 925-455-8539, 925-447-9356, 925-846-5232.

Concord High School, Class of 1971, is celebrating its 30-year reunion with a dinner-dance Saturday, Sept. 15, and a family picnic Sunday, Sept. 16. Register with www.classmates.com; contact nickdeboraa@aol.com with questions.

Liberty Union High School, classes of 1959-1962, are holding a joint class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Legion Hall, First and Maple in Brentwood. Contact Allen Davis at 925-757-0363 (1959); Lupa (Martinez) Berumen at 925-634-1029 (1960); Dorothy (Sciorino) Marchio at 925-684-3825 (1961); or Barbara (Baroni) Ghiselli at 925-634-2509 (1962).

Las Lomas High School, Class of 1961, is celebrating its 40-year reunion on Friday, Sept. 21, followed by a dinner Saturday, Sept. 22, at Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Joan Vallejo Kiley at 925-829-5177, or e-mail jvallejokiley@aol.com.

Acalanes High School, Class of 1978, is planning a 25-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 22, in Lafayette, and is seeking classmates. Contact Lori Nott at 925-930-7194, or e-mail at whattont@yahoo.com, or bederb@aol.com.

Acalanes High School, Class of 1981, is celebrating its 20-year reunion with a party Friday, Sept. 28, at Black Diamond Brewery in Walnut Creek, a dinner-dance Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Claremont Resort & Spa, and a swim party Sunday, Sept. 30, at Springbrook Pool in Lafayette. Contact Meg O'Dea Reid at 510-383-4213 or e-mail meg_odea@hotmail.com.

Acalanes High School, Class of 1951, is planning its 50-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Roger Dunn at 925-254-2610, Ann Bronson Miller at 925-676-4256 or Robert W. Fox at 925-935-2670.

Oakland High School, Class of 1961, is holding its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29. Organizers are seeking classmates. Contact Diane Johnson Wilson at 925-837-5582 or by e-mail at duwidio@aol.com.

Oakland High School, classes of 1941 and 1942, are holding a 60-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Waterfront Hotel in Oakland. Contact 925-685-3821.

Richmond Union High School, Class of 1956, is celebrating its 45-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Radisson Hotel at the Berkeley Ma-

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artists when we visited. Since then, Marie Steel has added the bistro. Our friends and other locals give it a positive review.

While you're in Kelseyville, another recommended stop is the Nord Lund Abbey Gallery (707-279-9116), an impressive full-service art foundry featuring the works of internationally known bronze sculptor, Rolf Kriken.

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While Clear Lake does not enjoy the crowds that a Tahoe or Shasta sees each summer, it is definitely an affordable and enjoyable alternative.

Mike Cleary's column appears every other week in this paper. He and his wife, Mary, are co-host "The Food and Travel Enthusiasts" radio program on 10 a.m. Sundays on KABL, 10 AM. Readers can e-mail mcleary@960kabl.com.

YMCA

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families — the city's Friendship Club, the YMCA Kids' Club, the University Village Recreational Program, and the Albany Children's Center. If all partners are willing to work together, the result could be the very best and most well coordinated system of childcare and enrichment services in all of California.

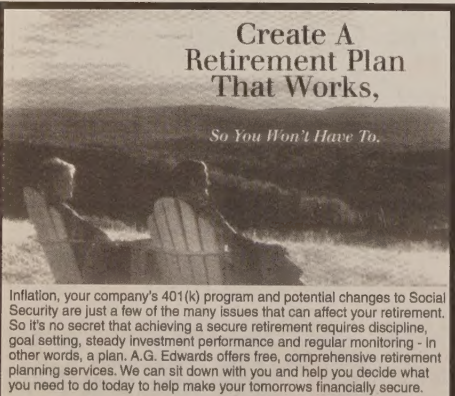
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EL CERRITO — The City Community Services Department is sponsoring the fifth annual Dynamo Golf Scramble Fundraiser on Monday, Aug. 27, at the Mira Country Club. The event benefits the David Hunter Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund and the "Open House" Senior Center Trust.

The city is requesting \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$300 to additionally be placed on the tournament's T-shirt that are distributed as tee prizes. Also any

other prizes or contributions you could offer would be gladly accepted. As a sponsor, you will be acknowledged in all our literature including the Spring/Summer brochure that is mailed to over 17,000 homes and businesses in El Cerrito and surrounding communities.

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one of his highest accomplishments at the academy, right next to receiving the letter of recognition at graduation by FBI Director Louis Freeh — an award selected by his peers in training.

"(Sgt. McQuiston) is one of the best we've ever had here, he has absolutely all the skills," said his supervisor, Lt. Greg Bone. "I couldn't say enough nice things about him. I know that when I come into work, everything's going to be running well. He's a very talented and bright and complete field supervisor."

Bone said he has had to rely on McQuiston heavily to run a tight ship since he's been back due to the retirement of Sgt. Richard Haugner, a departure that came while McQuiston was away.

A few of his many daily responsibilities consist of adminis-

tering the reserve police officer and school crossing guard programs, fleet vehicle maintenance and a recent assignment to manage traffic enforcement operations. He also fits in time to be a part time faculty member at Las Positas College.

But even pounding through arduous obstacle courses and being subjected to nonstop studying, the softy-family man admitted that his biggest adjustment was being away from his wife Dawn, and their three girls.

"The biggest hardship was being away from my kids and family. I underestimated the toll it took emotionally."

Matt Petersen covers Albany. Reach him at 510-243-3578 or mpetersen@cctimes.com.

amount. That estimate covered renovating parts of the community center in addition to the pool.

City officials regrouped, scaling back the project. In response, the first architect bowed out and the city went back to the drawing board.

Last week, the City Council agreed on a new architect. No timeline has been set for the work, which will include rebuilding the deep pool; refurbishing the shallow pool; installing new pump, filter and electric systems; adding new decks and renovating locker rooms. But officials hope things can get started sooner rather than later.

The city is optimistic that

grants and community fund-raising can cover many items on the pool wish list, such as new diving boards, lane dividers, kick boards and other equipment.

Some summer swimmers have been upset by the closed shallow pool, but many seem to understand the city's predicament, said Chris Jones, a pool program coordinator.

Family swims and children's swim lessons are being held in the deep pool, which has a maximum depth of 11 feet, and people are given information about other public pools in the area, he said. "There was definitely some disappointment," Jones said. "But we try to give them options."

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Suspect

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a conversation before we called Oregon police and had them go over to the house," Hurley said. "He denied any involvement in

the murder." Misquez left his Antioch home two days after the homicide to stay with his friend in Oregon, police said. Police identified him earlier this week and issued a warrant for his arrest. Misquez is being held without bail in Washington County Jail.

El Cerrito detectives will question him there and hope to quickly bring him to Contra Costa County.

If he waives extradition, police will seek a governor's warrant that gives them the authority to bring him back, Hurley said.

Board

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diation came to a close this week, the ball is now back in the district's court on resolving the contract stalemate that could see a strike with the start of the new school year.

"I think that Albany schools are great and the vast majority of the teachers are really good teachers," Lindsay said outside of the Cornell cafeteria after the council's unanimous vote. "I'm quite confident that we'll come out of it and heal the relationship with the teachers and the district and move on with what we're supposed to be doing."

The unanimous vote was actually a semi-unanimous vote as Board member Bill Cain cast his initial vote for Roger Carlsen, who has served on the district's Budget Advisory Committee and is a seven-year member of the Albany Lions Club. After board members Mary Wallmann and David Farrell both cast votes for Lindsay, colleague Marsha Skinner was the fence, admitting that she could live with choosing Lindsay or Carlsen for the post.

Cain then withdrew his vote for Carlsen and went with his second choice of Lindsay to stay in uniform with the rest of the board. If the board couldn't agree on a selection it was to meet again on Aug. 1-2 to hold further interviews. Both Cain and Skinner expressed their desire to put an end to the issue that has been dangling in the wind since Jones resigned and made explosive remarks concerning teachers and their demands for a salary settlement.

"I'm not sure what other areas of concern we'd have if we brought

them back (for further meetings)," Skinner said, referring to the prolonging of the interview process.

Cain agreed. "I think it's important to move forward as a board," he said prior to the unanimous decision.

Before the vote the board allowed the public over an hour to have its say on the matter. Miriam Walden made a short statement on behalf of the parents association and handed Skinner a list of 175 signatures of parents who would not send their kids to school in the event of a strike.

"What we can get out of this is to bring in somebody who's ready to take a fresh look at the situation and fulfill the responsibility of representing us," said Walden before getting up to talk. "And we aren't being represented."

"Everybody in the community is looking at the board to make this decision," Albany Teachers Association representative Don DePasquale told the board. "We hope you pick a person who is open-minded, that represents the concerns of the community and that represents the concerns of the teachers."

The three other applicants were Michael Barnes, a UC Berkeley senior analyst, Owen H. Jones (no relation to Owen T. Jones), who served on the board from 1995-99, and Jeff Diamond a former political science professor. Each applicant was asked 12 questions and given two minutes to give a re-

sponse.

Barnes, who has worked with state government budgets as an economic analyst, was the teachers union's first choice, although ATA president David De Hart said that he would be happy with either Lindsay or Barnes.

"I think Mr. Lindsay has an open mind and that's a person that we'd be willing to support," he said in front of the board.

Afterward, Lindsay admitted that he was surprised with his selection and said he would consider taking a short sabbatical from his other community responsibilities to get prepared. He said that he was more concerned about getting himself prepared for his new \$192-per month post than comment on whether or not he'll run for the same seat in next November's election.

"I might know a lot more in the next six months," he said. "I have a lot to learn right now and I'm not thinking too far in advance."

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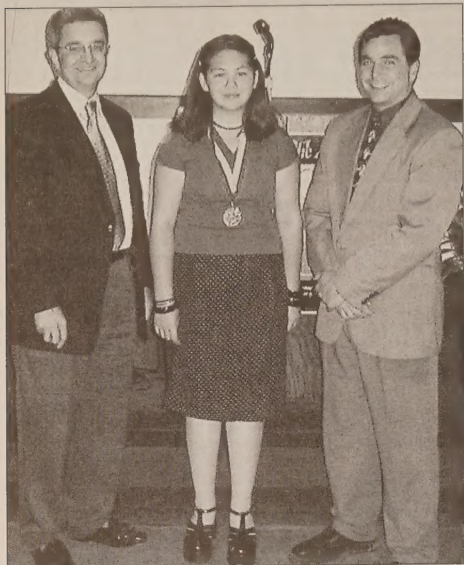
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AT THE JUNE 3 award ceremony are Assemblyman Joe Canciamilla, El Cerrito High School student Elizabeth Hemphill of Kensington, and Tim Sbranti, representative of State Senator Tom Torlakson.

ECHS student honored as California Arts Scholar

An El Cerrito High School student was one of six students from Contra Costa County selected to attend the 15th session of the California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) this summer at the California Institute for the Arts in Valencia.

Elizabeth Hemphill of Kensington is attending the program for those selected as California's most talented high school artists.

She was honored last month with five other Contra Costa County students named as California Arts Scholars and presented with the Governor's Arts Scholars Medallion, accepting congratulations from State Senator Tom Torlakson, State Senator Don Perata, Assemblywoman Lynne C. Leach, Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, and Assemblyman Joe Canciamilla.

The California Arts Scholars were chosen, based on their outstanding ability, to participate in rigorous pre-professional training programs in the fields of an-

imation, creative writing, visual arts, music, film, video, dance, and theatre.

Out of the more than 1,300 students who applied throughout the state, CSSSA was able to invite nearly 500 students to attend the program, which gives talented students teenagers who wish to pursue careers in the arts and entertainment industries a head start.

The summer school provides an environment in which students are able to explore their imagination and develop their craft through artistic expression.

The school is funded by a public-private partnership accord between CSSSA and contributions from the private sector to the California State Summer School Arts Foundation. Sponsors include California Federal Bank.

Trees

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with Damon and Brusatori refused, to develop a comprehensive, phased tree plan for the entire park. They instructed that diseased trees and those "imminent for causing damage" were to be removed immediately.

"Clearly this approved motion was not followed," Loubal said at the July 11 council meeting and in a subsequent opinion piece published in The Journal and other local news outlets. Loubal said at least 20 "mature healthy trees have been destroyed in El Cerrito this year, mostly unnecessarily." Citing the eight Monterey pines removed from Canyon Trail Park, Loubal said this was done "in spite of the fact that three months ago the council asked for a comprehensive tree management plan first, with only dangerous trees cut immediately." The council's April 2 motion concerned only trees in Canyon Trail Park.

Thrupp, who lives on the northern border of the park, said several of the eight removed Canyon Trail trees were not hazardous or threatening to fall or significantly diseased. She also said that to remove pine trees to reduce competition with native vegetation would not be following the council's directive to remove only hazardous or diseased trees.

"If unfounded tree removal continues to happen in the future, without clear statement of a rationale and backed by a clear policy on trees that is established in a transparent and democratic way, then some of us citizens will plan to seek legal action," Thrupp told the council.

"Pursuing legal action is not something that we wanted to do," Thrupp added, saying that she preferred the "negotiated way."

After hearing from Loubal and Thrupp, Councilman Mark Friedman apologized "if there were any inappropriate tree removals" and clarified that no more trees should be cut down in the park before the comprehensive plan is in place. Bruce King, the city's maintenance and engineering services manager, has said the plan, being developed by consulting arborist Noah Booker, should be completed this fall.

Thrupp also questioned Damon's involvement in the Canyon Trail tree discussion. "Mr. Damon's behavior to influence the situation is unethical and I would believe deserves legal enquiry," Thrupp said.

When questioned by The Journal about his involvement in the Canyon Trail tree discussion Damon said he recused himself while his colleagues decided the matter, but added "Once the decision was made, however, the conditions of recusal were satisfied and I returned to the duties of mayor and councilmember. I was not recused from continuing the duties of that office."

"I received calls and e-mails from (Loubal and Thrupp) in this regard to which, and consistent with the continuing duties of my office, as well as its limitations, I responded as best I could," Damon said. "In all cases, my responses were consistent with the council's decision and the city's implementation program."

"I responded with corrections, clarifications and suggestions that were consistent with supporting both the decision and the implementation," Damon said, emphasizing that he in no way tried to undermine the council's decision.

"I think (the city) staff understands the direction that we intend," Councilwoman Janet Abelson said. "We want a plan for the entire park," she said, but noted that trees that were an immediate threat or diseased were to be removed immediately.

"These are the ones that they (city staff), in their best judgment with the use of their consultant, decided were those trees," Abelson said about the removed pines. She later added that it would be inappropriate to micro-manage staff decisions concerning tree removals. "However, at the same time, I will always listen to the public and what they have to say," Abelson said.

"I made it clear at the council meeting the other night that I didn't want to see any more trees removed unless they were dangerous or diseased as we discussed," Friedman said last week. "So no more trees should be taken down until that plan comes back to us and the three of us get a chance to take a look at it and see if we think it makes sense."

Reunions

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rina. Contact Alma Sechrist Graham at 510-724-5594 or Ralph Russo at 510-758-9481, or visit www.classmates.com.

Napa Senior High School, Classes of 1970 and 1971, are celebrating a joint 30-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Marriott Napa Valley. Contact Great Reunions at 800-655-7971, or visit www.greatreunions.com.

Mt. Diablo High School, Class of 1951, is holding its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Noreen (Bullard) Augustine at 925-682-4015 or Gordon and Donna (Sahm) Monroe at 925-682-6766.

Richmond Union High School, Class of 1951, is holding its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527.

Lowell High School, Class of 1951, is planning its 50-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 6, and is seeking classmates. Contact Lowell 51 Reunion Committee, 3723 Market St., San Francisco, CA (94131).

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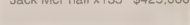
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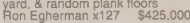
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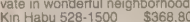
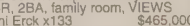
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What's more, the location of the deck will determine how much sun, shade, wind and rain it will be subject to throughout the year.

If planning isn't your strength, it might be a good idea to hire a landscape architect. The process can include a full-blown master plan that includes all the elements you want (pool, play area), even if some of them are longer-term projects.

Besides landscaping, you'll need to consider stair location, railing design, benches and planters, decking material, decking pattern and a trellis or shade structure.

Many people put a deck against the house by an access door. While doing so is good for access, however, it might not be the best use of space. An alternative would be steps down onto a path surrounded by lush landscaping leading to a deck away from the house. There are several benefits to this: The deck is in the background instead of the foreground and becomes the focal point.

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decorative landscape lighting and colorful plants. In addition, a deck located away from your home might offer more freedom in planting trees, which in turn can improve the usefulness and comfort of a deck.

Also, keep in mind how weather and the seasons will affect your use of the deck. For example, if your rear yard faces west, you will bake in the afternoon sun. A few strategically placed shade trees and/or a shade structure can make a deck a pleasant place even on hot days.

On the other hand, if your deck will be on the north side of your home, it will be in shade most of

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California Realtor association president cruises Bay Area

BY KAREN WRIGHT
CORRESPONDENT

Cruising San Francisco Bay on the afternoon of July 18th, the U.S. Potomac — the former "Floating White House" for our nation's 32nd President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the perfect place for California Association of Realtors president, Gary Thomas, to meet with local Realtors who gathered to address some of the critical issues that are facing our state at this time.

Speaking presidentially Thomas said "Thank you for being here today. I am also a sailor so I enjoy the elements." According to Thomas, the primary areas that are receiving serious attention from the California Association of Realtors are the energy crunch, and looming water crisis, which is not likely to be as easy to correct as energy. In addition Thomas pointed to a serious lack of affordable housing.

To illustrate, Thomas had recently gone house hunting with his daughter who had just graduated from college. Although she had found a good paying job, she was not able to afford. Thomas wondered out loud How many

young person could possibly afford a home?"

Thomas spent the earlier part of the day at an open forum discussion at the Oakland Association of Realtors. Realtors had a chance to discuss relevant local issues the C.A.R. president, Stewart Anderson and Ed Brounstein of First American Title sponsored the forum and shared some key points regarding their new Fastweb title and escrow support services system.

Gregg Fujita and Donna Smythe from the Alameda Association surprised Thomas with a Powerpoint presentation summarizing the joint venture in advanced technology education and training for Realtors jointly developed here in the East Bay.

John Cashman, chairman of Region 6, which includes Berkeley, Alameda, Oakland, and Bay East, who organized the event, said, "We were indeed fortunate to have blue skies and sunny weather. Everyone learned a great deal and had a great time. I want to especially thank Linda Bagnall of Washington Mutual, Rich Valenti of First American Title and Todd Beaker of Intelitouch who sponsored the afternoon cruise."

Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

ATTENTION PUBLIC

Alameda Inform meeting

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The focus of each meeting is an invited speaker and the discussion of important real estate, economic and community concerns.

The Inform is dedicated to helping Realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, Aug. 14 beginning with registration and networking at 8:45 a.m. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda.

This month's speaker is Robert Silverman, Attorney at Law of Berding & Weil. Silverman is speaking on the different ways of holding title and the new community property with right to survivorship laws. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact Kristen McMahan at AAR at 510-523-7229.

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BAR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

There is no networking luncheon in August for the Berkeley Association of Realtors. The monthly luncheon begins again in September. Watch this column for details.

OLE TIMER'S REUNION

Thursday, Sept. 20 is the date for the Real Estate Ole Timer's Reunion Luncheon. The reunion started ten years ago and is the brainchild of Bob Valva of Valva Realty in Oakland. "It's an opportunity to get together with friends and industry acquaintances from the past," said Valva.

"This reunion is a fun and easy way to catch up." Real Estate agents and affiliates from Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro, aged fifty-five and over are invited. Ole Timers are encouraged to bring friends and significant others.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with networking. The location is The Ark at Pier 29 Restaurant in Oakland at the foot of the Park Street Bridge. Lunch is by reservation only. To RSVP call Valva at 510-451-7317.

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CAMB

The California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) plans their Annual Convention & Grand Exposition for Aug. 8-11. This year's theme is "Knowledge Is Power". The convention location is the Reno Hilton in Reno Nevada. For exhibitor or registration information contact the CAMB website at www.cambweb.org.



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WHO'S ON FIRST?

George Tribble, Managing Partner of Jetstream Mortgage in Oakland was nominated to the National Association of Mortgage Brokers Board of Directors. Tribble is a Past President of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers. To say best of luck, call Tribble at 510-444-2100.

Denise Smith announced a move for Royal Realtors and Loan Services. The new location is 3651 High Street in Oakland. Smith is available at 510-482-8200.

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coverings, then report back on what was going to be possible. The news was mixed. Some now uncovered floors had long ago been painted; there was some question about whether all the paint could be sanded off. A previous owner had covered other floors with Masonite nailing it in place with hundreds upon hundreds of long nails. Removing them would take time; it was not known yet how these floors would look after being sanded.

One good surprise was finding that the original floor in the kitchen is maple which we immediately reported to the owner. She groaned and said, "To think that I could have had a maple floor all of those years."

Mars and stains in both the maple and some oak floors would need patching after prep, and a new oak floor was to be laid in one bathroom. Time consuming work, and we were hoping that it could all be done in a scant 12 days.

Tulip's people were terrific, giving us daily updates: un-nailing the Masonite was taking a long time; there was a problem finding maple in the right width for patching the kitchen floor. They were doing everything possible, but time was getting tight.

At last, the floor finish coats were being applied, but then the weather turned cold, extending the drying time.

We were talking to the painters every morning: "No, not yet. The floors are still wet." They needed to get back inside the house to do final touch-up. Jill Heine, our great window washer, wanted to get into the house with her crew to do their part. But the floors still could not be walked on.

Jill went to the house anyway to do what she could. She found that the stove had been moved to the laundry porch, which she could reach, so she cleaned the stove there. A few days later, she returned to wash windows, wipe

down the walls of sanding dust and finish other cleaning.

Throughout it all, all of those who worked at the house proclaimed their love of this fine old building. There were lots of "I'd love to live here" comments, maybe especially loudly from the stager, Dana Roessler, who "moved in," heart and soul.

Dana and her assistant, Debbie Lentz, are so deeply involved, so wound up in this Arts and Crafts style house, they are fairly bursting with it. Dana has thanked us many times for the "fabulous opportunity," as she says, to work on this project.

She researched Arts and Crafts lighting fixtures, paint colors, and furnishings, read books, talked to experts. Several months ago she began to gather window coverings, vases, rugs and furniture to put into the house.

Finding new light fixtures, many of which had been replaced during the 1960s era, was difficult. Dana (and the owner) wanted authentic fixtures from the era, but as the cost was prohibitive, reproductions, in keeping with the style of the house, had to be located.

Heaven only knows how much time and travel went into this endeavor, but Dana succeeded admirably, and she loved every minute of the search. The fixtures look great including the one in the entry which could not be connected to a wall switch but had to be modified to turn on with a pull.

When we were uncomfortably close to the wire, Dana decided that she was going to renew the extensive oak and fir paneling and built-in furniture. The old wood was dry; it could use re-nailing, oiling of some kind.

But was there time? Research turned up a tung oil-based product, available locally in gallons, which seemed to be the best bet.

One morning, a week before



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the house would go on the market, Dana and Debbie began oiling the wood. They were determined to make it look healthy and rich, but had no way of knowing how long this task would take.

In the early afternoon, that same day, Anet and I arrived to see how things were going. We were surprised and glad to find Dana and Debbie flush with pride.

All of the wood in the downstairs was already done, and the results were fantastic! Anet said, in fact, that the wood, always pretty, now seemed to be smiling.

We've worked on other listings with these same people, and each job has been successful, gratifying. But I don't think we've ever experienced quite what we've experienced with this house. Even with the rush necessary, and the number of changes in timing, the entire process flowed smoothly and happily.

It is true that from the first time Anet and I saw the house two years ago, we thought it was very fine. Having the chance to make it all fresh and shiny and good seems to have appealed to all of the people I've mentioned, as well as to a number of others who worked on it.

There is just something about this house, I think, that was an inspiration to all of us.

Anet Tarpoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents who specialize in single family homes. They also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached by e-mail at patanet@ml.net or by phone at 510-653-2050.

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Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 510-339-8511.


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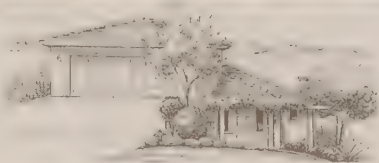
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OAKLAND — The Oakland Heritage Alliance, a nonprofit community organization, will conduct its annual summer walking tours series throughout Oakland, featuring various neighborhoods. Tours are every Saturday and Sunday in July and August.

Cost for OHA members is \$5, and \$10 for non-members. Any one who decides to join OHA the day of the tour can go on that tour for free.

OHA's annual walking tour season is always different. Each year brings a brand-new tour or two. This year the new ones include West Oakland: Rehabilitated Victorians and the Oakmore neighborhood as well as continuing favorites like Mountain View Cemetery and the Borax Smith estate. There are also tours of Lakeshore Avenue and environs and the Fruitvale commercial district.

Also featured this summer are Oakland waterways: the lake, Laney College channel and the estuary at Fifth Avenue Point. Water has always been an important part of Oakland's character — the port once brought sailors from all over the world, harbored the Alaska Packers vessels during the winter and now boasts several of the largest shipping cranes in the entire world.

Tours are based in part on the research of the Oakland Cultural Survey, a project of the City of Oakland Strategic Planning Division, and use the resources of the Oakland History Room at the main library in Oakland.

No reservations are required; tours depart promptly. Wear com-

fortable walking shoes and bring water. Some tours involve walking on hills. In case of rain, tours are canceled. Tours begin at 10 a.m. and are finished at noon or 12:30 p.m.

Schedule

Tomorrow, Brockhurst Street. Meet at the Calou House, 3251 Martin Luther King Blvd. This West Oakland neighborhood has homes from the early 1900s, including those of Anne Bragman, Delilah Beasley, C.L. Dellums and other famous Oakland residents.

Sunday, Rebuilding Oakland Point. Meet at Liberty Hall, Eighth and Chester streets. Oakland Point was developed in the 1870s as the terminus of the transcontinental railroad. It was a thriving and ethnically mixed neighborhood with a business center along Seventh Street.

Aug. 4, Foothill/Seminary District. Meet at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Seminary at Tom's Chinese Kitchen. Visit early 20th century commercial buildings as well as explore the streets of Millsbrae and its Tudor, Spanish Colonial and other romantic revival styles of the 1920s and '30s.

Aug. 5, Broadway Auto Row. Meet at 28th Street and Broadway, at the tip of the flatiron building. Oakland became "the Detroit of the West" in 1916 with the opening of the Chevrolet plant. Learn about the historical showrooms from 1910 through the '40s, including the distinctive brick and tile garages. See current restoration.

Aug. 11, Lakeshore/Trestle Glen. Meet at the Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero, between Grand and Lakeshore avenues. Walk through the Splash Pad Park to Lakeshore

shopping area, a mix of commercial styles, 1920s brick and deco tiles. Tour includes Trestle Glen, developed in the 1910s and '20s.

Aug. 12, Fruitvale Commercial District. Meet at the Fruitvale Hotel, 3221 San Leandro St., near Fruitvale Avenue. In the 1920s Fruitvale was Oakland's second downtown. View a century of development along International Boulevard and see current facade improvement. Stay for lunch.

Aug. 18, Joaquin Miller Park and Cascades. Meet at Woodminster Theater entrance off Joaquin Miller Road; part in the theater lot on Sanborn Drive. Explore Joaquin Miller Park and learn its history. Emphasis will be on Joaquin Miller and his home, The Abbey, and the monuments he constructed.

Aug. 19, Produce Market and Waterfront Warehouse District. Meet in front of the Oakland Grill, Third Street and Franklin. Explore the history and architecture of the Oakland Produce Market and the warehousing and industrial areas that developed during the early 20th century.

Aug. 25, Oakmore. Meet in the parking lot next to Rocky's Market, 1440 Leimert Boulevard. Cross the Leimert Bridge over Diamond Canyon and enter Oakmore Highlands, a 150-acre residential home park developed by Walter Leimert during the height of the Depression.

Aug. 26, Lake Merritt Estuary Channel. Meet in front of the Camron-Stanford House, 1418 Lakeside Drive. Explore the south end of Lake Merritt and Estuary Channel Park. Learn the history and view the public art and outdoor sculpture along the route.

Contact Oakland Heritage Alliance, P.O. Box 12425, Oakland 94604; 510-763-9218.

June's median home price up 9.8% when compared to June 2000

■ Home sales down 6.4 percent when compared to last June

LOS ANGELES (July 25) - Sales of existing homes in California in June fell 6.4 percent and the median home price rose 9.8 percent compared to the same period a year ago, the California Association of Realtors and Real Estate Solutions, a real estate information service, reported today.

"With June a historically strong month for home sales, this year is no exception," said C.A.R. President Gary Thomas. "Sales last month hit their highest level so far this year."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 526,570 in June at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 Multiple Listing Services (MLS) statewide. Statewide home resale activity decreased 6.4 percent from the 562,380 sales pace recorded in June 2000. Resale activity posted an increase of 4.2 percent in June compared to May.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2001 would be if sales maintained the June pace throughout the

year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during June 2001 was \$266,930, a 9.8 percent increase over the \$243,100 median for June 2000. C.A.R. reported. The June 2001 median price increased 5.1 percent compared to May 2001. C.A.R., in conjunction with Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan software and information product, reported that 87 percent of California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

Highlights of C.A.R.'s resale housing figures for June 2001

- C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in June 2001 was 3.6 months, compared to 3.0 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current rate
- Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 7.14 percent during June 2001, down from 8.29 percent in June 2000, according to the Freddie Mac.
- Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.80 percent in June 2001, compared to 7.24 percent in June 2000

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The MLS median price is generally higher than the median price reported by the National Multiple Listing Service (NMLS) because the NMLS median price is based on a smaller number of transactions. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents an escrow sale.

"We're continuing to see a divergence between the Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area real estate markets," said Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist. "The Bay Area market posted a double-digit decline across the board. Southern California's market, however, is growing. Affordable Riverside/San Bernardino region, sales were up 20 percent."

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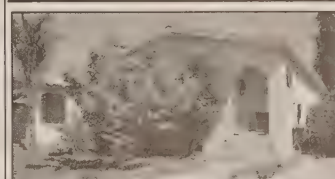
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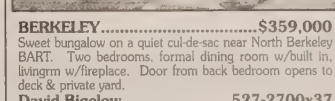
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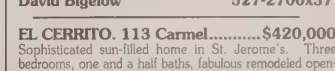
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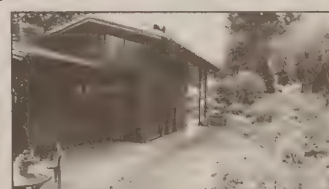
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9500 Lawlor St - \$300,000
2725 Logan St - \$250,000
3463 Loma Vista Av - \$140,000
6122 MacArthur Bl - \$275,000
1424 Magnolia St - \$300,000
915 Mandana Bl - \$568,000
5693 Merriewood Dr - \$533,000
3814 Midvale Av - \$530,000
2830 Montana St - \$240,000
2946 Morgan Av - \$374,000
180 Moss Wy - \$255,000
254 Oakland Av - \$549,000
9920 Olive St - \$165,000
424 Orange St - \$120,000
6143 Outlook Av - \$390,000
4458 Pampas Av - \$360,000
260 Perkins St 2D - \$80,000
70 Pine Hills Ct - \$610,000
6630 Pine Needle Dr - \$535,000
6037 Ridgmont Dr - \$800,000
565 Santa Ray Av - \$485,000
676 Santa Ray Av - \$359,000
5774 Scarborough Dr - \$449,000
4915 Shafter Av - \$344,000
6549 Snake Rd - \$441,000
2710 Sunset Av - \$415,000
3944 Vale Av - \$350,000
7535 Valentine St - \$375,000

500 Vernon St 107 - \$185,000
670 Vernon St 206 - \$295,000
7425 Weld St - \$230,000
3640 West St - \$200,000
1230 Willow St - \$146,500

PIEDMONT

147 Arbor Dr - \$750,000
155 Hagar Av - \$1,051,500
1020 Oakland Av - \$477,000
140 Somersd Rd - \$1,025,000

RICHMOND

710 11th St - \$184,000
613 16th St - \$200,000
1200 29th St - \$225,000
652 32nd St - \$250,000
232 5th St - \$130,000
541 6th St - \$175,000
3100 Alta Mira Dr - \$250,000
6040 Arlington Bl - \$335,000
6263 Bernhard Av - \$90,000
4737 Buckboard Wy - \$440,000
1531 Chanslor Av - \$178,000
1913 Chanslor Av - \$165,000
38 Chesley Av - \$275,000

1609 Cutting Bl - \$199,000
3132 Deseret Dr - \$209,000
2439 Esmond Av - \$270,000
5310 Esmond Av - \$270,000
418 Fildstone Dr - \$270,000
5117 Fleming Av - \$270,000
5029 Fray Av - \$259,000
1928 Garvin Av - \$270,000
2322 Hnghate Dr - \$270,000
3745 Northridge Dr - \$270,000
35 Oregon St - \$245,000
603 Rock Rose Wy - \$270,000
6111 Rosning Av - \$270,000
5136 Solano Av - \$270,000
2811 Tulare Av - \$270,000

SAN LEANDRO

1646 139th Av - \$300,000
1530 146th Av - \$270,000
1630 152nd Av - \$310,000
2031 Arctic St - \$320,000
812 Barr Dr - \$350,000
2244 Belvedere Av - \$270,000
345 Broadmoor Bl - \$270,000

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Recently Sold




6357 Brookside Ave., Rockridge
Spectacular Spanish colonial 3BR/2.5BA home plus 1BR/1BA guest suite. Hardwood floors, beautiful windows and large kitchen with granite counters. Originally offered at \$950,000

Erika Celestre
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OPENSUN 2-5pm

Crocker Highlands 1687 Trestle Glen Rd.



Gracious Trestle Glen residence featuring two bedrooms plus sun room plus spacious family room/office opening to deck. Additional features include living room with beamed ceiling, formal dining room, updated kitchen & sunny breakfast room with corner cupboards, attached garage with interior access; approximately 2200 square feet of living space on a beautiful tree lined street.

Offered at \$559,000

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6089 Mazuela Drive, Oakland

Sensational newer home built in 1994 has Bay views from most rooms. There are 4+ bedrooms, 3.5 baths, home office, gourmet kitchen/family room and a large unfinished studio. Spacious decks connect the living, dining room and family room.


Offered at \$1,085,000

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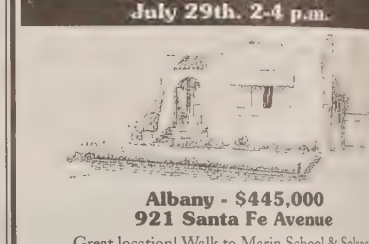


4600 Fieldbrook Rd. \$379,000
Large 2BR/1BA Redwood Hghts. Ranch, Ear-in country kit. w/ wood firpl. Random plank hrdwd flrs. Level-in. Fenced yard. Run. New Back Lawn. 2-car garage
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2326 Corona Ct., Berk, \$575,000
Open Sun 7/29 2-4pm



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1509 Virginia, Berk \$379,500
Open Sun 7/29 2-4:30pm



New Listing! \$259,000
1256 Russell, Berk
Open Sun 7/29 2-4:30pm



New Listing!
124 Jade, Hercules \$539,000
Open Sun 7/29 2-4pm

— Open Sunday 7/29 —

3/2, 814 Galvin, El Cerr-New Listing!
Open 1:30-4pm \$459,000

4/2, 6027 Colby, Oak
Open 2-4pm \$650,000

2/1, Condo, 1781 Oxford, Berk
Open 2-4:30pm \$399,000

2/1, 3038 Halcyon, Berk
Open 2-4pm \$279,000

3 Plx, 1539 Prince, Berkeley
Open 2-4pm \$449,000

2/1, 1216 Curtis, Berk
Open 2-5pm \$353,000

1/1, 1095 59th, Unit #5, Oak
Open 2-4pm \$225,000

— By Appointment —

Albany, 2/2 Condo beauty!
Nu paint, carpets \$265,000

Berkeley Hills, 2+1
Stunning renovation \$265,000



New Listing!
2427 McGee, Berk \$335,000
Open Sun 7/29 2-5pm



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Great listing!
902 Indian Rock, Berk \$799,000
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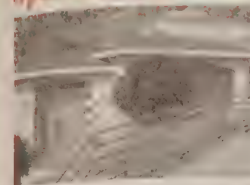


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MONTCLAIR.....\$1,185,000
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CONTEMPORARY HEAVEN PLUS A BONUS LOT.....\$759,000
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Noni Robinson 510-339-8400



ELEGANT POOL, LUSH GARDENS!.....\$739,000
are waiting for you in this private Berkeley Hills hm on a secluded street just walking distance to Tilden Park. Lge Fam Rm, gourmet kitchen, bright LR w/tp & levels out to backyard w/pool. 739 Woodhaven Rd
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PERFECT HIDEAWAY!.....\$399,500
Cute & private 3/2 with fabulous yard & bay view. 4122 Tompkins
Maria Sinclair 510-339-8400

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ELEGANT ENTERTAINING...\$669,000
can be yours in this gorgeous Oakland Hills home. You'll love its bright LR w/marble fp, gourmet kitchen/family rm combo & formal dining rm all opening to a lge deck overlooking panoramic bay views. Also offering a MBR suite w/deck access, FP, & a full bath. 4236 Terrabella Way
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-8400



IMPRESSIVE VIEWS.....\$595,000
from almost every rm of this gorgeous custom home. With dramatic LR, family rm w/marble fp, gourmet kitchen w/glass cabinetry, & lge MBR ste w/full bath & jacuzzi tub you will be blown away. 3362 Brunell Drive
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-8400

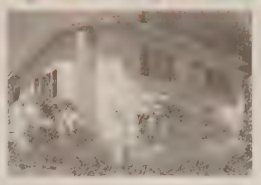


"DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH".....\$430,000
with great Upper Glenview location. The interior needs some TLC, but home is basically in good condition with superb details in living room and dining room. 1143 Hollywood Avenue
Richard Keeling 510-339-4000



NEWER THAN NEW.....\$349,000
one of the best homes in the Hayward Hills. Located in a nice, serene, cul-de-sac, this home is ready to move-in. 3267 Ursula Way, Hayward
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COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY.....\$339,000
Come wander through the gardens on the 27,000 sq ft lot. House has 3 bedrooms 2 baths, sitting room, new windows, updates, hardwood fls, enclosed porch, storage. 9863 Stearns Ave
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SHARP HILLTOP BUNGALOW ..\$269,000
in Upper Maxwell Park. Spacious 2+ bedroom/1 bath home with large enclosed yard and detached garage/workshop. 3442 Birdsall Avenue
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LIVE YOUR DREAM OF INNER PEACE.....\$675,000
Relax on your full acre of land including a horse barn and riding rink, your own creek, and sprawling lush grounds for play & gardening. Walk to Chabot Estates Golf Course or use a neighboring trail to hike to Lake Chabot. Let your cares float away in this open and airy 3/1 house with attached 1/1 au-pair.
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MONTCLAIR DRAMATIC CONTEMPORARY.....\$689,000
Private Tahoe setting. App. 3000 sq ft. Beamed high ceilings. Hdwd. FDR. Family Rm adjacent to kitchen w/2nd fireplace. Walk to schools, trans., and Montclair Village. Freshly painted interior & exterior.
Martha Shin 510-339-8400

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HIDDEN TREASURE!.....\$298,000
Modest stucco plus cottage. Very clean 2/1 B + 1BR/1Bath. Deep lot. No sign-drive by slowly 2819 Octavia. Good for starter home & extended family living
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DELIGHTFUL ROCKRIDGE DUPLEX.....\$575,000
Perfect for Owner Occupants! Lower unit 2/1, Upper unit 3/1 both with sunrooms looking out to the level, tree lined back yard. Full basement and garage converted to artists or writer's studio. Walk to BART and College Avenue shops and restaurants.
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REDUCED 30K.....\$328,000
Best Buy Duplex. Live in one, rent the other. 3+ BR, 1 BA/ 2 BR 1 BA. Garage, convenient location. Drive by 1173 MacArthur. Seller motivated!
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This immaculate 1 BDRM, 1 BATH condo has new carpets, new paint, new appliances, and great charm. Surrounded by trees and gardens, you can enjoy the pool and spa.
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CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,395,000
1442 GRAND VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Magnificent European villa w/pano SF Bay & GG Bridge views. 5+BR/5+BA, approx. 5500 sq. ft., 3 fireplaces, media rm, den, au-pair, kitchen/family rm. Patricia Scott x315

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,295,000
1449 WEST VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Gorgeous new Spanish/Mediterranean w/SF & GG views, high ceilings, arched windows, rustic beams, level out terrace. 4BR/3+BA. Cheryl Hargett x375



MONTCLAIR \$1,295,000
6139 SWAINLAND RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Custom home w/breathtaking SF views. 4+BR/3.5BA, 3500+ sq. ft., separate office/au-pair, gourmet kitchen. Close to Village. Chuck Corwin x353

MONTCLAIR \$1,175,000
6415 THORNDALE DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Awarding architect designed home w/breathtaking bay & city views. Romantic master suite. Outstanding amenities! Ann Nichols x319



MONTCLAIR \$1,085,000
6049 MAZUELA DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Sensational newer home w/Bay views from most rooms. 4+BR/3.5BA, home office, gourmet kitchen/family room & spacious decks. David Ichikawa x331 & Nancy Moore x302

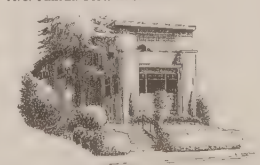
CLAREMONT HILLS \$925,000
6915 NORFOLK RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Unsurpassed attention to details. Architectural quality kitchen, luxurious master w/enslaving areas & central courtyard. 4BR/2.5BA. Joanna Hirsch x366

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ROCKRIDGE \$825,000
6445 BENVENUE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming brown shingle 4+BR/2BA home plus 1BR & studio units in rear. Located on sought after street one block below College Ave. Patricia Scott x315



PIEDMONT \$799,000
218 HIGHLAND AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Classic Craftsman with gracious formal rooms rich in architectural detail. Master suite, den, 2 plus rooms, garden. 3+BR/2+BA. Near schools. Rosalie Woods x324

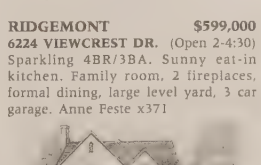
MONTCLAIR \$699,000
53 BAY FOREST DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Best value in Oakland Hills! South Bay/Lake Merritt views. 2-year old sunny 4BR/3.5BA. 2 master suites, 3 fireplaces, approx. 3375 sq. ft., hardwood floors. Robyn x310 & Wendy x303



UPPER OAKMORE \$680,000
2333 LEIMERT BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
Sophisticated traditional upgraded w/style & panache. Cook's kitchen & gracious living room open to patio & beautiful garden. 3BR/2BA. Adriana Giacomelli x350

Open Sunday

MONTCLAIR \$659,000
1831 MANZANITA DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Unsurpassed views of bridges, cities, mountains & Bay. Huge 4+BR/3.5BA hilltop home w/den, rumpus, decks & patio. 3800+ sq. ft. Great potential! Kathleen Callahan x343



ROCKRIDGE \$499,000
5924 CHABOLYN TERR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 3BR/1BA. Adorable fixer. Big back yard, kitchen w/nook, formal dining, hardwood floors, living room w/fireplace. Near BART. Carolyn Jones x339

MONTCLAIR \$489,000
55 CHELTON LANE (Open 2-4:30)
Updated dramatic Tom Lowe contemporary w/San Francisco Bay & canyon views. 3BR/2BA. Teri Carlisle x305

PARKRIDGE \$450,000
5215 SADDLE BROOK DR. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! All-level home w/pano Parklands views. 2+BR/2BA, family rm w/fireplace, office, deck & patio. Vicki Woodhead x334

MONTCLAIR \$425,000
3072 HOLYROOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 3BR/2BA contemporary in private setting, just minutes from Montclair Village. Eat-in kitchen, rumpus, & 2-car garage. Lovely garden. Ashley O'Neill x368

Open Sunday

BERKELEY \$389,000
1635 LINCOLN ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 2+BR/1BA charming 1921 Craftsman bungalow near North Berkeley BART & Gourmet Ghetto. Hardwood floors. Yard. Nancy Noman x373



OAKLAND \$369,000
8117 GREENLY DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 3BR/1BA bungalow sited on approx. 3/4 acre of land. Updated kitchen, redwood deck, remodeled bath & views of the hills. Adjacent to 80 acres of open parkland. Candy Benny x328



PIEDMONT \$3,350,000
Historic estate, w/panoramic Bay views. 5+BR/4+BA, 4 fireplaces, approx. 27,000 square foot lot. Helen Danhaki 547-5750 & Charlotte Boyle x370

CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,275,000
5+BD/4.5BA. Splendid new home w/ panoramic SF & GG views. Gourmet kitchen/family room. Luxury master suite. Approx. 1/2 acre. Spectacular. Nancy Noman x373

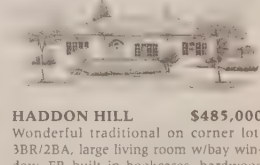
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OAKLAND HILLS \$675,000
Spectacular view home high above Shellfield Village. Over 3000sq ft w/separate in-law. Excellent for entertaining. Located on private road. 4+BR/3BA. Ann Nichols x319

ALAMEDA \$495,000
Sunny 3BR/1.5BA in terrific condition. New kitchen, large family room. Private fenced back yard with deck. Dick Cohen x308 & Sandi Klemmer x314

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$489,500
Lovely Tudor style home w/fine architectural detailing. 3BR/2BA, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, plus room w/dance floor & level yard. Diane Earl McCan x352



HADDON HILL \$485,000
Wonderful traditional on corner lot 3BR/2BA, large living room w/bay window, FP, built in bookcases, hardwood floors. Donna Costella x355

ROCKRIDGE \$399,000
Charming 1914 renewed 1+BR/1BA bungalow! Only minutes to BART & College Avenue. Great condo alternative. Jeffrey Himmel x307



GLENVIEW \$345,000
Duplex plus rear cottage. All one bedroom units. 3 parking spaces. Francis Heath x357

SAN LEANDRO \$344,900
1916 Craftsman style charmer. 2BR/1BA, updated kitchen, garage & deep lot with fruit trees. Michelle Miller x335

MONTCLAIR \$299,000
Close in gentle downslope lot in neighborhood of million dollar homes. Expansive hill views. Never built on. Wendy Gardner x303

Sales

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448 Caliente Dr - \$241,500
 1400 Carpenter 325 - \$255,000
 921 Castle St - \$330,000
 15032 Crosby St - \$475,000
 1247 Cumberland Av - \$360,000
 3429 Del Monte Wy - \$345,000
 15343 Dewey St - \$320,000
 14357 Doolittle Dr - \$225,000
 538 Fortuna Av - \$327,000
 15210 Galt St - \$345,000
 538 Glen Dr - \$350,000
 1509 Green Ct - \$272,000
 15005 Grenda St - \$301,000
 960 Joaquin Av - \$298,000
 1226 Kelly Av - \$272,000
 16543 Los Banos St - \$309,000
 1193 Louise St - \$310,000
 15073 Milford St - \$350,000
 1894 North Bl - \$270,000
 2357 Pacific View Ct - \$617,000
 1425 Pajaro Ct - \$238,000
 1355 Post Av - \$319,000
 2154 Somerset Av - \$270,000
 385 Suffolk Dr - \$295,000
 1015 Tulane Av - \$295,000
 658 Victoria Ct - \$450,000
 746 Woodgate Ct - \$260,000

SAN LORENZO

1097 Santa Ana St - \$284,000
 17114 Via Chiquita - \$269,000
 16136 Via Harriet - \$320,000
 1655 Via Helena - \$320,000
 15845 Via Marlin - \$325,000
 648 Via Pacheco - \$349,000
 16043 Via Toledo - \$302,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$138,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$462,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$418,889

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$254,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$590,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$411,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 14
 LOWEST PRICE: \$282,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$435,857

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 9

LOWEST PRICE: \$255,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$455,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$423,000

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TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$245,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$390,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$350,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$323,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$185,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$255,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$220,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$503,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$618,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$560,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 78
 LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,090,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$344,756

PHILMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$477,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,051,500

AVERAGE PRICE: \$825,875

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 28
 LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$452,000

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 34

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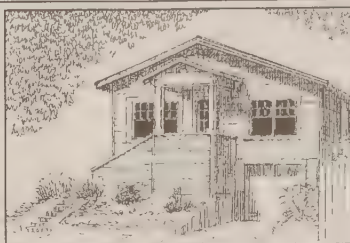
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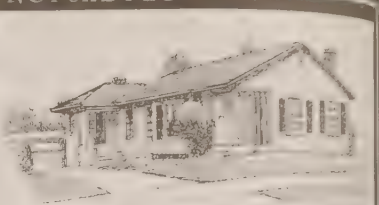
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1089 Glarendon Crescent
 Charming French country home with original details including stenciled wood beams, cathedral ceilings, windows and Juliette balcony. Updated kitchen, pair suite and four bedrooms, three baths. Offered at \$795,000
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1211 San Antonio Open Sunday Steve Anderson 510-521-8869 Kane & Associates	380	2-4	\$799,000
78 Strubben Open Sat & Sun George Muir 510-814-4891 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.58A	2-4	\$718,000
2610 Evelyn Ct. Open Sun Shirley McWilliam 510-814-8825 Harbor Bay Realty	1 + 80/28A	2-4	\$695,000
152 Ratto Open Sunday Walt Jacobs 510-814-4710 Harbor Bay Realty	1 + 80/28A	2-4	\$685,000
141 Castle Ct. Open Sunday Kurt For 510-814-8878 Harbor Bay Realty	480/28A	2-4	\$675,000
18 Waterford Open Sun Shirley Muir 510-814-4848 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2.58A	2-4	\$635,000
307 Capetown Dr. Open Sun Mike Gutierrez 510-748-1161 Gallagher & Lindsey	280/2.58A	2-4	\$618,000
210 Sea Bridge Way Open Sun Bill Bisset 510-748-1108 Gallagher & Lindsey	480/2.58A	2-4	\$609,950
3039 Thompson Open Sun Shirley Nelson 510-748-1103 Gallagher & Lindsey	380/18A	2-4	\$609,950
1725 San Jose Open Sun Nancy Gordon 510-814-8815 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1.58A	2-4	\$605,000
1234 Caroline Open Sun Tim Mear 510-814-4817 Harbor Bay Realty	480/28A	2-4	\$599,000
1102 Old Alameda Pl. Open Sat & Sun Mina Osea 510-814-4836; Janice Payne 510-814-4846 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2.58A	2-4	\$589,000
74 Sable Pointe Open Sun Chapman Hale 510-521-8015 Kane & Associates	480	2-4	\$585,000
3305 Liberty Open Sunday Mark Wyman 510-522-5827, BaySide Real Estate	3 + 80	2-4,30	\$559,000
336 Gateway Blvd. Open Sat & Sun Tara Lee 510-814-4840; Chuck Bianchi 510-814-4819 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.58A	2-4	\$559,000
22 Sandpiper Open Sat & Sun Nancy Brant 510-814-4823 Marcia McIntyre 510-814-4827 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$559,000
2816 Marina Dr. Open Sun Steve Brant 510-814-4899 Harbor Bay Realty	280/18A	2-4	\$548,000
969 Pearl St. Open Sunday George Williams 510-814-4830 Harbor Bay Realty	480/28A	2-4	\$548,000
1037 Taylor Ave. Open Sat & Sun By Owner 510-521-4589	380/2.58A	1-4	\$540,000
306 Teledrive Dr. Open Sun; Bakers Bay Wall Street Realty, Barbara Price 510-769-0547	380/2.58A	2-4	\$535,000
2918 Marina Dr. For Real Estate, 510-220-2463	380/1.58A	2-4	\$525,000
15 Britt Ct. Open Sun Valencia Newman 510-523-7214 Kane & Associates	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$495,000
215 Inverness Open Sunday, Harbor Bay Homes-Link Team 510-748-5300	380/28A	2-4,30	\$492,000
238 McDowell Rd. Open Sat & Sun Darin Vial 510-814-4824 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$479,000
1223 Porta Ballena Farnham Realty 521-1611	280/28A	2-4	\$475,000
1611 Park St. Open Sunday Dev Williams 510-814-4813 Harbor Bay Realty	580/28A	2-4	\$475,000
1815 Elm St. Open Sunday Jerry Hochman 510-522-9968 Kane & Associates	580	2-4	\$475,000
3324 Fernside Open Sunday Denise Brady 510-523-8886, BaySide Real Estate	3 + 80	2-4,30	\$465,000
2940 Lincoln Open Sat & Sun Russ & Linda Grant 510-814-4713 Harbor Bay Realty	3 + 80/28A	2-4	\$459,000
801 Park St. Open Sat & Sun John Parton 510-748-1115 Gallagher & Lindsey	380/2.58A	2-4	\$459,000
811 Harbor Rd. Open Sunday Ms Sam McDowell, Prudential CA Realty 510-869-5418	280/2 + BA	2-5	\$432,500
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338 Pacific Open Sun Denise Gannin 510-814-4871 Harbor Bay Realty	2 + 80/28A	2-4	\$406,000
3220 Liberty Ave. Open Sunday D.A. Hammond, Prudential 510-339-9290	380/18A	2-4,30	\$399,000
3546 Magnolia Open Sun Conie Numa 510-814-4814 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$389,000
651 Centre Court Peter Fletcher, 510-521-1177, Century 21 Heritage RE	280/2.58A	2-4	\$382,500
402 Inwood Open Saturday Lana Sze 510-749-0780 Kane & Associates	280	2-4	\$375,000
1201 Buena Vista Open Sunday Evelyn Kennedy 510-748-1120, Gallagher & Lindsey	280/18A	2-4	\$375,000
1033 Kingston Ln. Open Sunday Conie Numa 510-814-4814 Harbor Bay Realty	280/28A	2-4	\$368,000
1073 Camino del Valle Open Sun Elsie Miller 510-814-4821 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.58A	2-4	\$365,000
1000 Eastern Ln. Open Sunday Judy Jacobs 510-814-4711 Harbor Bay Realty	280/28A	2-4	\$365,000

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3025 Linda Vista Open Sun Nancy Bianchi 510-814-4815 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.58A	2-4	\$384,000
1918 9th St. Open Sun John McHarty 510-867-5660 Kane & Associates	280	2-4	\$339,000
1023 Ragonia Open Saturday Sun Hirschberger 510-748-1114, Gallagher & Lindsey	380/2.58A	2-4	\$336,000
2101 Shoreline Dr. Open Sun Olivia Wyman 510-522-5827, BaySide Real Estate	2 + 80	2-4	\$292,000
950 Shorepoint #301 Open Sat & Sun Ron Bang 510-748-1110 Gallagher & Lindsey	280/28A	2-4	\$289,000
339 Broadway #205 Open Sunday Darlene Healer 510-814-4777 Harbor Bay Realty	280/28A	2-4	\$270,000

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903 Santa Fe Open Sun 510-232-0281, Coldwell Banker Barletti	280/1.58A	1-4	\$374,950

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1449 West View Dr. Open Sunday, Claremont Hills Clery Hargrett, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	480/3 + BA	2-4,30	\$1,295,000
7020 Devon Way Open Sun Helen Barlett 510-652-2133 ext.124, Templeton Lovette Co.	5 + 80/38A	2-4,30	\$898,000
902 Indian Rock Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2161, Majone	480/28A	2-4	\$799,000
151 The Uplands Open Sunday Carm Woodhewer, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/28A	2-4,30	\$759,000
739 Woodhaven Rd. Open Sun Nahel Rasasi, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400	4 + 80/38A	2-4,30	\$738,000
1941 Yosemite Rd. Open Sun Nahel Rasasi, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400	380/1 + BA	2-4	\$695,000
2557-2559 Cedar Open Sunday Jack McPhail 510-632-2133 ext.135, Templeton Lovette Co.	Duplex	2-4	\$685,000
737 Spruce Street, Open Sunday Nancy Woodhewer, 510-524-9889 ext.135, Berkeley Hills	380/2.58A	2-5	\$660,000
6027 Colby Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2105, Sara	480/28A	2-4	\$650,000
1201 Madison Open Sunday John Madolen, Eugene Milstein & Assoc., 510-524-3840	480/28A	2-5	\$635,000
3045 Buena Vista Open Sunday Tricia Swift 510-652-2133 ext.140, Templeton Lovette Co.	2 + 80/280	2-4,30	\$595,000
2551 Carleton St. Open Sunday Ruth Frassetto 510-652-2133 ext.147, Templeton Lovette Co.	3 + 80/18A	2-4	\$595,000
2426 Hilgard Open Sunday Duplex, Open Sunday Adrienne Turner, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/28A	2-4,30	\$579,000
2226 Cornelia Ct. Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2105, Sara	380/1.58A	2-4	\$575,000
1749 Allison Way Open Sat & Sun Ann Fak, Kristen Hipol, Pacific Sales & Mgmt. Inc. 510-733-8600	3 + 80/18A	1-4	\$499,000
1120 Keith Ave. Open Sunday Barbara Conheim, 510-524-9888 ext.128, Berkeley Hills	1 + 80/28A	2-4	\$495,000
1215 Queens Open Sunday Denise Williams 510-652-2133 ext.145, Templeton Lovette Co.	380/28A	2-4,30	\$475,000
1533 Derby Street Open Saturday Sun Gililla, REMAX Associates, 1-800-743-4190	3 BA/2 BA 1300-440	\$463,950	
1539 Prince Open Sunday Duplex/Open Sunday Patricia Scott, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	480/28A	2-4,30	\$415,000
4635 San Sebastian Open Sunday Chris Elens-Hardie, 510-524-9888 ext.128, Berkeley Hills	280/1.58A	2-4,30	\$415,000
1781 Oxford Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2105, Sara	280/1.58A	2-4,30	\$399,000
1635 Lincoln St. Open Sunday Nancy Norman, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	2 + 80/18A	2-4,30	\$389,000
1509 Virginia Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2110, Pat	280/1.58A	2-4,30	\$379,500
2929 College Ave. Open Sunday Katherine Cooper, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	280/18A	2-4,30	\$350,000
2427 McGee Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2112, Pamela	380/1.58A	2-5	\$335,000
3038 Halcyon #E Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2104, Barbara	280/1.58A	2-4	\$279,000
1258 Russell Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2177, Merritt	280/1.58A	2-4,30	\$259,000
1520 Sacramento Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2177, Merritt	280/18A	2-4,30	\$—

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907-914 Estralla Ct. Sandy Chiu, Prudential 510-339-9290	3 + 480/28A	2-4,30	\$579,995
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1230 Bowster Open Sunday Marilyn Rhodes (510) 559-2929, Marvin Gardens.	380/28A	2-4	\$549,000
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2118 Pinehurst Open Sunday Doris Alexander (510) 559-2938, Marvin Gardens.	380/28A	2-4	\$445,000
113 Carmel Open Sunday Barbara Kaplan (510) 559-2910, Marvin Gardens.	380/1.58A	2-4	\$420,000
940 Everett Open Sun Claudia Bowman 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	280/18A	2-4,30	\$310,000

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1500 Park Ave #312 Open Sun Dell Orr 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	280/28A	2-4,30	\$669,000
6291 Vallejo St #2 Open Sun Adrienne Turner, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2.58A	2-4,30	\$379,000

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3267 Ursula Way Open Sunday A.D. Razon, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-4000	380/28A	2-4,30	\$349,000
151 Temescal Cr. Open Sun Hedi Tuglie, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-4554	380/28A	2-4,30	\$339,000
1705 Calais Ct. Open Sun Kathie Ng 925-736-7651 Kane & Associates	380	1-4	\$313,000

HERCULES

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124 Jade Court Open Sunday RED OAK 510-280-2105, Sara	480/28A	2-4	\$539,000
560 Monarch Ridge Open Sun Jeff Auen, 525-299-9697, Century 21 Heritage RE	380/2.58A	1-4	\$518,250

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1322 Marino Rd. Open Sunday Jerilyn Babinberg, 925-253-4801, Coldwell Banker	380/28A	Sun 1-4	\$899,000
560 Monarch Ridge Open Sun Jeff Auen, 525-299-9697, Century 21 Heritage RE	380/2.58A	1-4	\$518,250
1442 Grand View Open Sun Patricia Scott, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	5 + 80/58A	2-4,30	\$2,395,500
28 Drury Lane Open Sunday Lillie Brady (510) 845-0200, 644-5262	480/2.58A	2-4	\$2,375,000
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132 Beechwood Dr. Open Sunday Chris Christensen, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-339-9780 ext. 242	480/48A	2-4,30	\$1,799,000
6075 Manchester Dr. Open Sun Gene Boomer, Prudential 510-339-9290	680/4 + BA	2-4,30	\$1,750,000
5140 Proctor Open Sun, Upper Rockledge Wendy Marchessault, Prudential 510-339-9290	580/3 + BA	2-4,30	\$1,735,000
6139 Swainland Open Sunday Montclair Chuck Cowie, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	4 + 80/38A	2-4,30	\$1,235,500
1945 Northwood Ct. Open Sun Mae Neuberger, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-339-4148	380/28A	2-4,30	\$1,235,000
1650 Grand View Dr. Open Sun, Claremont Hills Betina Kalesnik, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	4 + 80/48A	2-4,30	\$1,250,000
13000 Skyline Blvd Open Sun Michelle Winchester, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/3.58A	2-4,30	\$1,195,000
8050 Broadway Ter Open Sun Laural Strand, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400	480/3 + BA	2-4,30	\$1,185,000
6415 Thorndale Open Sunday Montclair Ave Nichols, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	480/48A	2-4,30	\$1,175,000

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3030 Holywood Open Sunday Donna Correy 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	280/18A	2-4,30	\$999,000
901 Paramount Rd. Open Sun, Claremont Hills Erica Celeste, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2.58A	2-4,30	\$995,000
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50 Lane Court Open Sat, Pied. side of Montclair Jim Simmons, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/28A	2-4,30	\$950,000
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176 Santa Rosa Open Sun, Piedmont Marlene Lovette 510-652-2133 ext.121, Templeton Lovette Co.	480/2 + BA	2-4	\$895,000
914 Mountain Open Sat, Montclair Susan Schmitt 510-652-2133 ext.144, Templeton Lovette Co.	3 + 80/38A	2-4	\$885,000
621 Caldwell Rd. Open Sun Angela Lavelle, 510-339-9800, Century 21 Heritage RE	380/28A	2-4,30	\$885,000
6188 Ocean View Open Sunday Glass/Solano, Prudential CA Realty 510-428-0900	480/38A	2-4,30	\$875,000
1100 Mandana Blvd Open Sunday, Crocker Highlands Jill Farnsworth, Prudential CA 510-848-0211	680/38A	2-5	\$875,000
6009 Roman Rd. Open Sun Terry Kalka 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	480/28A	2-4,30	\$849,000
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6445 Benvenue Ave. Open Sun, 18c studio in rear Patricia Scott 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	4 + 80/28A	2-4,30	\$825,000
533 Blair Ave. Open Sun James Garcia, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/28A	2-4,30	\$799,000
1039 Clearmont Cres- cent Open Sun James Garcia, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/28A	2-4,30	\$795,000
5915 Claremont Open Sunday Donna DeBardi, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/28A	2-4,30	\$769,500
681 Vernon St. Open Sun, Claremont Hills Mae Neuberger, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400	380/38A	2-4,30	\$769,000
6400 Longcroft Open Sun, Montclair Hori Robinson, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400	480/28A	2-4,30	\$759,000
52 Chatsworth Open Sun Jeffery Allen 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	380/28A	2-5	\$743,000
6620 Chilton Dr. Open Sunday, Montclair-Piedmont Pines Collette Ford, Prudential CA 510-848-0211	380/28A	2-5	\$739,000
7245 Buckingham 4 + 80/38A Open Sunday, Claremont Hills Adrienne Ratz, Prudential CA 510-763-4060	4 + 80/38A	2-4,30	\$739,000
53 Bay Forest Dr. Open Sunday Montclair Wendy Marchessault, Pacific Union 510-339-9290	480/3.58A	2-4,30	\$739,000
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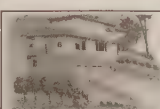
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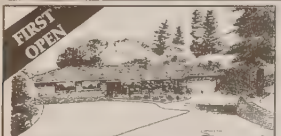
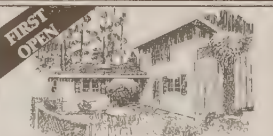
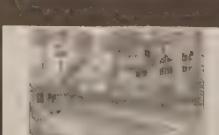
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REALTORS**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30****132 Beechwood Dr.\$1,799,000**
Major price reduction on this fabulous 4BD/3BA home in exclusive Claremont Place. Built in 1977, offers 420 sq ft of space. Great 1.5 & 1st flr DR. Convenient as pair set up, family room w/access to level backyard, a cook's kitchen w/ island, granite counters, a spacious master suite w/whirlpool tub & balcony to take in the Bay view. Home office w/built-in shelves, 1 fireplace, 2 car garage. A truly elegant home with many fine features.
Chris Christensen ext. 242**1845 Northwood Ct.\$1,295,000**
Attn: Cocks, Entertainers, Wine Enthusiasts! This incredible new home by U-Built-It-Right Inc. boasts grand stone columns in an open floor plan, a magnificent kitchen with best appliance package in town, a 664 sq ft wine cellar, marvelous views of the Golden Gate & City, & terrific indoor/outdoor flow. A knockout master suite, 2 additional spacious bedrooms plus a main level suite w/full BA. Superbly finished with highest quality materials.
Mary Neuberger 330-4148**1839 Northwood.....\$895,000**
With fabulous San Francisco & Golden Gate views. Grand entry with spiral staircase, four bedrooms, two and one-half baths, gourmet kitchen rich in hardwoods and natural stone, family room, home office and incredible decks.
Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780**2382 Tiffin.....\$489,000**
JUST LISTED! Nicely remodeled, spacious 1935 4BD/2BA in a highly desirable neighborhood below the Mormon Temple. Lovely kitchen, formal dining, recreation room. Ready to move right in.
Don Dunning 482-2256**4018 Barner.....\$449,000**
4/2.5 Baths, large spacious home with views, FP in living room. Hardwood floors throughout, 1/2 bath & ramp/family/office downstairs, plenty of storage space.
Patsy Buhler 287-5910**1334 Grand Avenue - Piedmont....\$429,000**
Three bedrooms, two baths, study, family room, large eat in kitchen, formal living room with fireplace & dining area. Two-car garage & off street parking for three cars.
Jaya Bhimani ext. 289**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30****4444 Park Blvd.....\$349,000**
2-1/1 Charming Craftsman home, original trim, French doors into formal dining rm, centrally located, near shopping, public transit & fwy, access, sun room/clo; basement area.
Patsy Buhler 287-5910**151 Temescal Circle.....\$339,000**
Treat yourself to a pleasant surprise, discover Emery Bay Village. Sophisticated 3BD/2BA townhouse w/fp in a woody setting. Conveniently close to shops & restaurants, walk to Churton. Pkx or shuttle bus to BART. EZ commute to S.F. A winner!
Heidi Tuggle 531-4554**4119 Manila Avenue.....\$249,500**
2BD/1BA 1913 cottage with wonderful potential. Very popular location near Piedmont Ave. Hardwood floors, fireplace, backyard out from kitchen. Sold "As-Is".
Don Dunning 482-2256**BY APPOINTMENT****New Construction In Montclair.....\$849,500**
Time-tested traditional design concepts, robust structural specifications, and high tech features combine to make this a must-see new home. Great Sobrante Rd location combines green belt and quiet with easy access to Montclair Village! 3+BD/3BA. Office has kitchen.
Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780**Home Looking For A Family.....\$475,000**
3BD/1BA, Living room, dining room, hardwood floor, kitchen and kitchenette, fenced yard and two-car garage.
Kevin P. Kennedy ext. 204**BY APPOINTMENT****Cracker Highlands Cosmetic Fixer.....\$429,000**
Enjoy this 2+BD/2BA home close to GrandTackshore arena w/ garage with interior access.
Carol Roberson ext. 704**Spacious Penthouse.....\$399,000**
New listing in quality bldg. Views of S.F. skyline & Mt. Diablo Hills. 2BD den, 3BA, room w/high ceilings & fireplace. Remodeled kitchen, separate DR, w/entrance to Piedmont/Grand Ave.
Wendy Callaghan ext. 204**Sunny Maxwell Park.....\$329,000**
1BD w/Charm! Spacious LR w/fp & built-in gas fireplace, eat-in kitchen, bonus room w/landfill area, large sunny yard & deck.
Kate Phillips 439-4394**Starter Condo.....\$179,000**
Or Piedmont. 1BD/1BA in good bldg. 1+2 car garage, decorat ideas.
Wendy Callaghan ext. 204**COMING SOON****Piedmont**
Three bedrooms and two bathrooms home w/air conditioning.
Kevin Kennedy ext. 204
Adams Point
1+BD/1.5BA Prance style home, large room, lovely formal living, landscaped, lovely stoned glass over stairs.
Patsy Buhler 287-5910
Besler Building Beauty
More than just a loft. This lavishly upgraded space is a sophisticated oversized architect-designed flexible upstairs area & separate sleeping & living "great room" with its wall of vintage industrial window bath. Walk to Pixar campus, Town Hall, Chino Campus & East Bay.
Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780**1451 LEIMERT BLVD., OAKLAND 531-7000****• WALNUT CREEK (925) 938-8484 www.wellsandbennett.com**
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Sprawling Ranch-style w/ stunning remodel. Serene view of hills, large lot, private yard. 3 beds plus office and 2 baths. Open Sunday 2-5.
Fritz Hochfeller**Piedmont Pines 52 Chatsworth Ct.\$749,000**
Sweeping views overlooking the bay and city from deck and most rooms. Custom 3BR/3BA w/ charming brick courtyard. Open Sunday 2-5.
Joan Alford**FIRST OPEN****4048 Laguna.....\$525,000**
Lincoln Heights. Mini-estate. Fabulous fenced property w/ incredible gardens. Open floor plan, custom kitchen 4 BD/3 BA. 2-4:30. Rachel Baller**5716 Thornhill.....\$449,000**
Montclair. Charming cottage in wooded setting 3BD/2BA large lot, deck w/ hot tub. Sunny and inviting. 2-5.
Jack Brennehan**940 Everett, El Cerrito.....\$310,000**
Affordable starter in lovely neighborhood. 2BD plus study. 1 BA. Fresh paint. 2-4:30.
Claudia Bowman**OPEN SUNDAY****6009 Romany Road.....\$849,000**
Upper Rockridge. Cape Cod charm! 4BR/3BA, extra large lot, HWF, eat-in kitchen w/FP, formal dining room. Open Sunday 2-5.
Terry Kulka/Ellen Lancaster**1833 Woodhaven Way.....\$649,000**
Montclair. 5BD/3.5 BA home, close to Montclair Swim Club, restaurants and shops. Hardw. floors, remodeled kitchen & baths. 2-4:30 Victor Fierro**17 Cambridge Way.....\$699,000**
Piedmont. 4BR/2.5BA. Traditional home opens level out to sunny yard w/patio. 2-4:30.
Lydia Nayer**6925 Shepherd Canyon.....\$589,000**
Montclair. Large 4BR/3 BA home. Convenient location, new carpets, bright sunny kitchen, new price. 2-4:30. David Eckert**50 Sheridan Rd.....\$699,000**
Montclair. New listing! 4+BR/3BA, family room, HWF, dining room, 2 fireplaces, decks, canyon views. 2-4:30. Victor Fierro**4001 Oakmore.....\$590,000**
Wonderful 3BR traditional. Big rumpus room, 2 fireplaces & parklike backyard. 2-5. Terry Kulka**6908 Chambers Drive.....\$695,000**
Montclair. New listing! 4+BR/3BA, family room, HWF, dining room, 2 fireplaces, decks, canyon views. 2-4:30. Victor Fierro**1823 Drake Drive.....\$589,000**
Montclair. Lots of space for the price. Opportunity for cosmetic improvement, 5BD/3BA close to village. 2-4:30. Dell Orr**1500 Park Ave. #312, Emeryville.....\$669,000**
Fabulous loft reduced to sell! 2 traditional BR/2BA, top floor, corner unit w/great life & views, HWF. 2-4:30. Dell Orr**2440 10th Avenue.....\$385,000**
Oakland. Prime property! 4 BR brownshingled Victorian plus 1 BR cottage. Huge lot, fruit trees, HWF, high ceilings, built-ins. Nicel 1-4:30.
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MIKE MCGREEHAN
Between the Lines

When Thomson took his best 'Shot'

Branca throws. There's a big drive. It's going to be — I believe ... the Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!

Perhaps no snippet of baseball radio history has better stood the test of time than Gus Hodges' call of Bobby Thomson's pennant-winning home run in 1951. And perhaps no single moment in baseball history has better stood the same test as the home run itself.

Some might dispute that last piece, especially Pittsburgh fans with lasting memories of Bill Mazeroski's World Series-winning home run in 1975. But there is no disputing that New York was the baseball capital of the world 50 years ago. And even today, people remember Thomson's home run over and over in their minds — even people who are not yet 50 years old. Such was the impact of the moment, one that resonates through time.

McGreehan brings back the magic of that time with his one-of-a-kind documentary, "Shot Heard 'Round the World." "Shot" blends the recollections of a number of fans — including King, writer Maury Allen and current Giants owner Peter Dinkoff — into a 17-minute tribute to the 1951 season that is a must-see for all Giants fans and Dodgers fans. Heck, it's for baseball fans of any stripe.

The most interesting recollections, though, are those of Thomson and Dodgers pitcher Sandy Kousser, two men whose lives became forever intertwined by the events of Oct. 3, 1951.

Thomson and Branca make interesting stories in themselves. Branca, a native of Mount Vernon, grew up in Giants fan Thomson, an adopted New Yorker born in Glasgow, Scotland (his nickname is the "Staten Island Scot"), took to baseball after moving to the United States at a young age. It was Thomson's father who caught the baseball bug. First, however, as a fan of Brooklyn Dodgers.

Branca was 25 years old when he relieved Don New-

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PLAYING SUMMER BALL for the Oakland Rattlers, El Cerrito High's Randy Minix tagged home in the fifth inning against the NorCal Baseball Club's Red team. Playing at Ohlone College of July 24, the Rattlers and Reds battled to a 6-6 tie in eight innings.

Rattlers heading for Nationals...

...Virginia-bound club struggles in 8-inning tie

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

FREMONT — A bon voyage, a big sendoff before a long-awaited, much-anticipated trip, is supposed to be a happy occasion, a time to celebrate. In a similar vein, all is supposed to go well in a team's final game before a big tournament. The hitting clicks, the pitchers hit their spots and the fielders play flawless defense as the team peaks at just the right time in a perfect-world scenario.

But so much for fantasy. On Thursday, the Oakland Rattlers 16-and-under baseball team headed to Virginia for the AAU National Championships. At Ohlone College on Tuesday, though, the Oakland Rattlers experienced a heavy dose of reality in their final game before that tournament, muddling their way to an eight-inning 6-6 tie with the NorCal Baseball Club 16-and-under Red team. Darkness forced the game to end in a tie.

"It's obvious that we were the better team," said Rattlers manager Eddie Abram, whose team ran its season record to 27-4-2. "But we made seven errors and all their runs except for one were unearned. We can't play like that

and expect to win in Virginia."

Perhaps the Rattlers had Virginia on their minds. The team hit well, and the four pitchers who took the mound all were solid — each giving an effort more than good enough to win.

But some erratic fielding betrayed them. And a few base running blunders added to the team's woes, too.

Despite their troubles, the Rattlers held a 6-4 lead going into the bottom of the seventh with ace Kurt Koehler of Pinole Valley High School on the mound. Koehler, who enjoyed a 1-2-3 inning with two strikeouts in the sixth, started the seventh inning with another strikeout. But Koehler walked the next batter, then gave up a single to right field that was misplayed. By the time the play ended, NorCal had a run in and a runner at third. A sharp single past third soon tied the game.

The Rattlers were fortunate to get out of the inning and come away with a tie (Koehler struck out the side in the bottom of the eighth). Of course, one could say the Rattlers have been one fortunate team all this summer.

For starters, few other teams ever had the opportunity to test their baseball mettle in Cuba, as

the Rattlers did in late June. Secondly, the Rattlers are fortunate to have been able to travel to Cuba and to the AAU National Championships clear across the country during the same season.

But travel exacts its toll, too, and preparations for the Virginia trip had to play heavily on the minds of the Rattlers on Tuesday. Players, coaches and anyone accompanying the team had to check in at San Francisco Airport on Thursday morning at 5:15 for a 6:25 flight. And once in Virginia, the Rattlers will face some tough competition from teams who draw their talent from much wider geographical areas.

But the Rattlers weren't the only team preparing to travel Tuesday evening, as NorCal heads to Oklahoma this weekend for the U.S. Specialty Sports Association World Series. In spite of falling behind early, though, NorCal appeared to have its heads in the game while — for whatever reason — baseball often seemed the farthest thing from the Rattlers' minds.

Still, the Rattlers looked well on the path to victory with three runs in the top of the third inning. Second baseman Corey Grayson of Oakland Tech got things going with a one-out single. After catcher Ryan De La Rosa of El Cerrito High walked, shortstop Jesse Barnes of Head-Royce laid down a sacrifice bunt attempt that turned into a single to load the bases.

Koehler soon put Oakland on the scoreboard with a two-run single, and Randy Minix of El Cerrito High singled home Barnes to make it 3-0 one out later.

Signs of trouble began to surface in the bottom of the inning, though. Starting pitcher Donald Jones of Castro Valley High gave up two singles but would have gotten out of the inning unscathed if not for an error. Nonetheless, Jones kept the damage to a minimum as the Rattlers still held a 3-1 lead at inning's end.

Nikki Aurora of Piedmont High took over in the fourth inning. But shoddy defense behind him led to two unearned runs and a 3-3 tie.

Oakland recovered quickly by scoring twice in the top of the fifth. All the scoring occurred with two out as Rafael Mendoza of Skyline reached on a fielder's choice and advanced to second on a high pop single by Minix. Steven Dell Cruz of John Swett followed with a single to score Mendoza and send Minix to third. After Skyline's Daniel Limbrick was hit by a pitch to load the bases, fellow Skyline player Daniel Walker laced a single to right to score Minix. Della Cruz tried to score as well, but was thrown out at the plate.

Still, the Rattlers were back in the lead and hoped to be over

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Smoke heads to big-time tourney

Club plays Oakland Oaks this morning

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

MORAGA — A couple years ago, the Oakland Smoke 18-and-under Connie Mack baseball team enjoyed an outstanding season. The Smoke went 19-11 and won the prestigious Best of the West Tournament in Hawaii.

This year's Smoke team might be even better, manager Joel Kauf-

man argues. Though the Smoke's 15-14 record might not reflect it, the team has played well. This year's team also has played a tougher schedule than that 19-11 squad.

Nonetheless, the results of last Thursday and Friday had to be especially disappointing for the Smoke, who went two games and out in this year's Northern California Connie Mack Championship playoffs at St. Mary's College.

Oakland fell out of the double-elimination tournament Friday afternoon by losing a close one, 8-7, to the North Coast Cardinals of Petaluma. On Thursday, though, the Smoke received a good old-fashioned drubbing at the hands of the Lafayette Generals. Lafayette won 17-0 in a game that ended after five innings due to the tournament's eight-run mercy rule.

"We didn't play our best, but we've had a solid year," said Kaufman, whose team wraps its season up this weekend at the Cal-Berkeley Tournament at Evans Diamond. "The pitching's been a little disappointing at times and the hitting's been a little disappointing at times. But I like my team. They play really hard for me."

The Smoke actually played a decent game against the Cardinals on Friday. North Bay got off to a 3-0 lead, but the Smoke pulled ahead temporarily in the sixth inning before North Bay came back to win.

Oakland collected 11 hits, led by Brendan Burke's three. Noah Roper (Berkeley High) added two. Cameron Johnson (Head-Royce) pitched well in relief, taking over in the second inning with the Smoke trailing 3-0.

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Someone needs to teach ABC the old abc's

wake up at five o'clock in the morning last Sunday to watch Tiger Woods in the first round of the British Open. I woke up at five a.m. to watch the hours of talking heads and commercials.

I wondered if I had the right channel. After all, I'm not really myself that early. And I missed the flu. Maybe I missed the flu. This was some kind of brilliant show.

Tiger was on the course. The talking heads said so. They on, they said he made some straight birdies. They on a putt. On tape. Tiger had closed to three feet from the lead, and they did know him? Inexcusable.

The final round of the British Open had the worst TV coverage in five years, a full 39 minutes below last year's figure. ABC officials bemoaned the fact that Tiger was not in the hunt, which caused the



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poor ratings.

How would they know? They never showed him.

Any knowledgeable golfer who saw last weekend's telecast knows that this was the worst telecast of a major championship in at least a decade. If it were not my job to watch, I, too, would have switched off the set.

The ABC network has had trouble ever since producer/director Terry Jastrow, one of the best, left for greener pastures. It has been a decade of frustration since, watching them. But this year ABC really dropped

the ball. The very basics of telecasting a major championship eluded them.

CBS, NBC and The Golf Channel are well aware of the reason golf's television ratings have soared in recent years — Tiger Woods. No matter what he's doing, they show him. For some very strange reason that defies all logic, the decision was made before this ABC telecast that Tiger was out of it (he started five shots back) and he would not be shown.

Showing Tiger is basic No. 1. The BBC knew it, and that network followed Tiger's round before the leaders teed off. BBC and ABC shared camera feeds in the British. ABC showed only five taped shots of Woods' round, with little setup to let the viewer know what's going on (there was an obligatory live shot or two as he finished up the round).

Basic No. 2 in telecasting

golf is this: club and yardage. The roving reporter has one job — to tell the audience what club the player is using and what his yardage is to the hole.

Now we're late in the day, and David Duval is playing the toughest hole on the course, No. 17, with a three-stroke lead. The cameras showed his tee shot and his second shot to the green. But no mention was ever made of what club he used for either shot, or what his yardage was to the target. This was as inexcusable as Ian Woosnam's caddy allowing an extra driver into the bag.

In the early rounds of the championship, much was said of Jean Van de Velde's spectacular collapse on the 72nd hole two years ago at Carnoustie, all the result of using a driver off the tee on the final hole when he had a three-stroke lead.

There was Duval, with a three-shot lead, standing on the

final tee — and he reaches for ... his driver! Absolutely no comment was made of his club selection. Apparently, synapses completely failed to fire. In fact, no mention was ever made of the club he teed off with. You had to see it to know he used driver. History indicates a very poor decision on Duval's behalf. How did they miss that one!

BBC was all over that one. You could see it in the shot ABC showed of the BBC announcers, who were feverishly at work commenting on the decisions Duval was making ... while ABC could find nothing better to do than televise their BBC colleagues.

Congratulations to Duval on a stunning achievement. But ABC had better stick with Monday Night Football.

US Junior: Mika Takayama of Alameda qualified easily for match play in the U.S. Girls Ju-

nior Championship in Kansas this week, then sailed into the round of 16 in match play with a 7-and-6 victory over Amie Cochran of Torrance, CA, and a 2-and-1 victory over Amy Wang of Washington. (Further results are past press time).

Ki Shui Liao of Alameda, age 13, qualified for match play with a 148 total, four strokes better than the cut. She drew exactly who she wanted in the first round of match play, the 13-year-old who received all the publicity this year, Morgan Pressel of Florida, who qualified for the U.S. Open. Liao lost a headbreaker on the final hole. Pressel won, 1-up.

But in her first national championship, Liao certainly showed she could play with the best.

Links: Roger Maltbie has received a sponsor's exemption

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Rattlers

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the defensive doldrums that had plagued them the previous two innings.

But that wasn't the case. Cole Stipovich of Berkeley High took over on the mound and got off to what appeared to be a great start by striking out the first batter. But when the ball got by De La Rosa, the batter reached first base safely. Stipovich ended up striking out four batters in the inning, but not before a bad-hop ball past the shortstop and an RBI single brought the runner home to trim the Rattlers' lead to 5-4.

The Rattlers built the lead back to two runs in the top of the sixth when De La Rosa and Charles Roberson of Skyline drew back-to-back one-out walks and Koehler followed with an RBI single. But the Rattlers would fail to score again.

"I think the kids had one eye on this field and one eye on Virginia," said Abram. "We played lazy today and it came back to bite us. But maybe it's good — hopefully, it makes us hungry."

Should that hope come to pass, the Rattlers should be ready to feast in Virginia.

Postgame

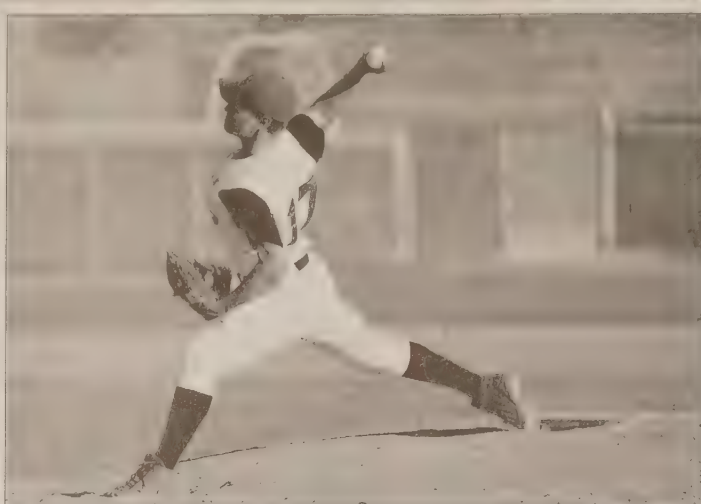
STATS: Pitching and hitting were no problem for the Rattlers. Jones gave up one run in three innings. Aurora struck out two in the fourth, and Stipovich would have escaped with no damage in the fifth if not for the passed ball and an error. Koehler struck out eight batters in the final three innings.

In terms of hitting, Koehler was 3-for-5 with three RBI. Minix was 2-for-4 and scored a run. Grayson also was 2-for-4. Daniel Walker finished 2-for-3 with a double.

OH-FER-TWO: NorCal twice had guys thrown out trying to steal home. The first time it happened was in the third inning. The same type of play happened again in the sixth: De La Rosa applied the easy tag both times.

SHADES OF 60 YEARS AGO: The missed third strike in the fifth inning brought to mind stories of 1941 World Series Game Four. Brooklyn led the Yankees 4-3 with two out and none on in the ninth when a third strike to Tommy Henrich got past Dodgers catcher Mickey Owen. Henrich reached base safely, paving the way for a Yankees rally and a 7-4 win. The Yankees won the series the next day.

Fortunately for the Rattlers, Tuesday's missed third strike led



RELIEVER NIKHI AURORA took the hill for the Rattlers on July 24. The Rattlers and the Reds played to a 6-6 tie.

to just one run and, ultimately, a tie.

IN VIRGINIA: While competing at the AAU National Championships, the Rattlers will stay at the Days Inn in Hampton, July 6-Aug. 3. The phone number is 757-826-4810.

On Aug. 3, the team will switch to the Econo Lodge-Oyster Point. That phone number is 757-599-3237.

Tournament play runs July 26-Aug. 4. Follow the Rattlers' progress at www.aabaseball.org.

COMING BACK: The Rattlers will return home via SFO on Continental Airlines flight 157 on Sunday, Aug. 5 at 7:33 p.m.

BEYOND THE BALLFIELD: The Rattlers completed their community service project July 19 with a visit to the Piedmont Gardens Senior Home. Players paired with seniors in such games as bean toss and bingo. There was even a hula show in which the players participated with both the residents and the dancers. Participating players were Minix, Stipovich, Limbrick, Aurora, Della Cruz, De La Rosa, Grayson, Terrell Harbin, Roberson and Daniel Walker.

A few better games

During their week-long trip to Havana, the Rattlers lost four games to teams of older Cuban players. The Rattlers will face another kind of disadvantage when they reach Virginia, as they are basically a regional team while many

other teams in the tournament draw players from all over the place — even from out of state.

Despite Tuesday's less-than-satisfying tie, the Rattlers have prepared themselves well for the tournament. Since returning from Cuba on July 1, the Rattlers not only won the Barry Bonds Classic against teams their own age, but have continued to play against older teams, too. The Rattlers also have enjoyed success against those teams as their record attests (the four games in Havana were considered exhibitions and not counted).

In their game previous to Tuesday, the Rattlers trounced the 18-and-under Hayward Braves 14-0 at Ohlone on Saturday.

Three pitchers combined for the shutout. Andre Sternberg (Berkeley High) pitched the first four innings with six strikeouts. Sternberg yielded just two hits while lowering his ERA to 0.54.

Aurora followed with two innings of no-hit ball with two strikeouts. Della Cruz pitched the final inning without giving up a hit.

Offensively, Limbrick cranked it up by collecting two hits and four RBI. Minix added a single, double and two RBI. Rafael Mendoza also had two hits.

"We've played a lot of games the past two weeks," Abram said. "We've played against as many older teams as possible to better prepare ourselves (for the AAU National Championships)."

Since winning the Barry Bonds Classic on July 4, the Rattlers have been one busy team. Among the

highlights was a doubleheader split with the North Coast Cardinals in Petaluma on July 14.

The Cards, an American Legion 18-year-old senior team, won the opener 1-0 despite a fine pitching performance by Sternberg, who struck out nine and yielded just two hits in the hard-luck loss. Sternberg tossed a very economical game as he delivered just 81 pitches.

North Coast pitcher Kevin Dyer (Marin Catholic) was every bit as effective. Dyer scattered five hits, walked three and struck out two for the win. Dyer delivered just 82 pitches in a game than needed just 1 hour, 25 minutes to complete.

The nightcap was a pitchers' duel, too, as Donald Jones struck out 10 batters in six innings for the Rattlers. Jones walked just two batters while yielding two hits and the Cardinals' lone run. Aurora picked up the save in a 1-2-3 seventh inning.

On July 17, the Rattlers beat another 18-year-old team, the Pinole Senior All-Stars. Minix's two-run home run got the offense started in an 8-1 win at De Anza High School in Richmond. Minix's blast traveled over the 375-foot sign in left-center.

Koehler pitched the first four innings, yielding two hits and one unearned run. Stipovich took over in the fifth and sixth innings, and allowed the All-Stars no hits. Aurora finished the game with yet another 1-2-3 seventh inning.

Postgame

CAL TOURNAMENT: The Smoke will open tournament play against the Oakland Oaks this morning at 8 at Evans.

"This will be the first time the Oaks and Smoke have played," said Kaufman, whose team also will have tournament games against the Stanislaus Heat and Fresno-Castro Valley.

LOOKING TO 2002: Kaufman looks to have an even stronger team next year as infielders Capell, Cody Nelson (Alameda), Steve Flynn and Johnson (both Head-Royce) return to the Smoke. Outfielders Dominic Ruma and Nick Meyers (both Bishop O'Dowd) also have shown great promise and look to step it up even more for Kaufman at both O'Dowd and for the Smoke.

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Basketball

The sixth annual Basketball Jones Hoop Camp will take place at Carter Middle School in Oakland from Aug. 6-10. The camp will run 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and is open to boys and girls 7-15. The camp fee is \$160 or \$145 if players register before May 15. Register online at www.basketballjonescamps.com, or call 1-800-348-3803 for an application.

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combe in the bottom of the ninth inning of that fateful game, the 157th of the 1951 season. Thomson was three weeks shy of 28. Both men had solid careers, but Thomson's home run off Branca that day stands as the defining moment for each player.

Though the story focuses heavily on Thomson and Branca, theirs is simply the final chapter.

The Giants, who hadn't won a pennant since 1937, started poorly in 1951. By Aug. 13, the Dodgers held a 13½-game lead over their beleaguered Manhattan rivals.

"The Giants is dead," Dodgers players yelled to the Giants after an August series at the Giants' home park, the Polo Grounds.

But the Giants and their fans soon had reason to perk up. Though Brooklyn played .500 ball the rest of the way — good enough to win the pennant most seasons — the Giants won 16 straight games and 37 of their final 44 to pull into first place on the final day. The Dodgers, for their part, had to come from behind to beat Philadelphia just to salvage a tie.

At the time, the National League staged a best-of-three playoff to determine the pennant winner. After the Giants and Dodgers split the first two games, the teams met again at the Polo Grounds with their seasons hanging in the balance. The Giants turned a 4-1 deficit into a 5-4 win in the bottom of the ninth inning that day with Thomson's three-run home run the final blow.

"Shot Heard 'Round the World" is more than just a recollection of one historic home run. The documentary also addresses a sign-stealing scheme concocted by Giants infielder Hank Schenz with the blessing of manager Leo Durocher. (Thomson contends he didn't know what Branca was going to throw. Branca believes differently.)

Other aspects of the '51 season come to light, too. As the Dodgers' lead in the standings dwindled in August and September, many started to question the moves of Brooklyn manager Charlie Dressen. His handling of the pitching staff came in for sharp criticism. By season's end, Dodger pitchers were a collection of dead arms.

Branca got off the best line of the program:

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to the Transamerica Senior Championship at Silverado in Oct. ... The San Francisco City Junior Championship is this weekend at Lincoln Park ... The East Bay Regional Championship starts tomorrow at Tilden Park ... Dorothy Delasin defends her first LPGA title this week, the Giant Eagle Classic ... William Moore of

"What if those guys about pitching on a heat at a ... est pit in the ... have room for the ... on it."

Perhaps Durocher the Giants' star ... that year ... fans ... And maybe ... done a better ... club. Perhaps ... ing first baseman Gil Hodges couple steps to his ... Dodger ... vaged the ... record ... Giants' ... single ... a diving ... followed with a single to left of first base that ... have gone for a 3-6-3 ... play — this argument ... made in Alameda resident Steve Biker's book "The ... inal San Francisco ... Giants of '58".

In the end, though, the ... ants won the pennant. ... "Shot Heard 'Round the ... recalls one season, one ... play, that is still talked ... 50 years later.

Postscript

LOCAL VIEWINGS: "Shot Heard 'Round the World" can be seen again Saturday at noon.

IN ANY OTHER PARK: Thomson's home run ... into the first row of seats ... 280 feet from home plate ... most. It surely would have been a routine fly ball ... other major league parks.

MOVING AROUND: Thomson was the Giants' ... center fielder until the ... brought Willie Mays up ... The Giants needed a spark ... ter their slow start. Mays ... n't an instant success as ... ed .043 his first two ... went on, though, to win ... Rookie of the Year honors.

Thomson moved to third base and could just as easily have been the goat in that game against the Dodgers. Thomson missed a pair of plays in a three-run Dodger eighth inning.

A GIANTS TRADITION: Those interviewed in "Shot Heard 'Round the World" spoke of the "charm" Brooklyn's Ebbets Field. In ... the Polo Grounds, built ... landfill near the Harlem ... was tabbed as "foreboding." Many considered the Polo Grounds the worst stadium in baseball — a reputation for a home park that continued for the Giants at Candlestick.

Monterey won the NCGA ... lic Links Championship at ... glass Hill this week, shooti ... 70-73 ... James Hay won the Contra Costa Junior Champ ... onship at Boundary Oaks ... weekend ... Tiger Woods ... with Annika Sorenstam ... David Duval and Karrie ... on Monday Night Golf.

Ron Salsig, who is be ... Terry Jastrak to return to the ABC truck, can be reached at rsalsig@pacbell.net

Smoke

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"We played well," Kaufman said. "We couldn't buy the key hit to break the game open. But we scrapped and played well."

Thursday's evening game, in contrast, imploded when the Generals scored nine runs in the fourth inning. Lafayette finished the job with six more in the fifth.

Through the first three innings, though, the game was close as the Smoke trailed just 2-0.

"Not taking anything away from the Generals, but we didn't play like we can," Kaufman said. "The team we were capable of being was present the first two innings."

Kaufman also contended that the home plate umpire squeezed

Smoke pitchers with a small strike zone.

"We've got to have the corners with the pitchers we have," he said. "(The umpire) even admitted to our catcher that he should have called some pitches strikes."

Small strike zones or not, the Smoke quickly fell behind when the Generals' Jeff Crinklaw blasted a solo home run in the first inning. Lafayette added another run in the second while the fine pitching of Scott Juneau held the Smoke at bay.

Matt Capell (Bishop O'Dowd) got the bottom of the third off to a promising start for the Smoke with a leadoff single. Capell, however, quickly got picked off by Juneau. The out proved especially costly when Burke legged out a double later in the inning.

Perhaps the run that never

scored would not have mattered anyhow, as Lafayette broke the game wide open in the top of the fourth. Drew Gilmore, Jeff Landry, and Rich Meier all had one run singles for Lafayette that inning. Chad Ross had a two-run single and Matt Kalafatis a two-run double. Errors allowed two additional runs to score.

In the sixth, Lafayette received a bases-loaded walk, three run-scoring doubles, a wild pitch and a passed ball to produce their final six runs.

With the Connie Mack playoffs now behind them, the Smoke look to complete their season in high fashion this weekend in Berkeley.

"Hopefully, we'll end the season on a positive note," Kaufman said.

BRIEFS

Football officials needed

The East Bay Football Officials Association is in need of officials for the high school season. No experience is needed and training and monetary compensation is provided.

The East Bay Football Officials Association serves schools in Oakland, Alameda, Castro Valley, El Cerrito, Hayward, Piedmont, Berkeley and other East Bay communities.

An orientation for new officials will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Willie Harper Building (314 E. 10th Street, Oakland — across the street from the Laney College football field) on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Those interested in officiating high school games should call 510-521-4121.

Baseball

The lease for Triple Play USA Bating Cages in Emeryville has been extended through June 2002. The cages will stay open for at least one more season. For details, call 510-652-HITS.

Dale Daniels will hold his 13th annual Summer Day Baseball Camp at Linda Beach Field in Piedmont, Aug. 20-22. The camp, for players 7-12, will run noon-3 p.m. each day. Campers will be grouped according to age and skill level. Fee is \$145 per

player. The camp will emphasize solid fundamental instruction of all phases of baseball in a low-key environment. Call Dale Daniels at 510-522-2424 or fax him at 510-428-2698.


Golf

The Galbraith Junior Golf Program will send 13 junior golfers to play in the 21st annual Western States Golf Association Junior Tournament in Portland, Ore., Aug. 6-10. The club is seeking donations of \$425 per child or \$5,700 for the entire trip. This will cover airfare, ground transportation and two days of practice rounds. For details, call program coordinator Clarence Washington at 510-569-5982, or e-mail program adviser Michael Salem at oaklandboyz@aol.com.

The Galbraith Junior Golf Program is open to players 7-18 interested in learning the game. The program meets every Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chabot Golf Course. The program also invites members of the business community to get involved through group and scholarship sponsorships. For details, call program coordinator Clarence Washington at 510-569-5982, or e-mail program adviser Michael Salem at oaklandboyz@aol.com.

Time to send in those fall prep schedules ...

The Berkeley Voice and El Cerrito Journal need schedules for all high school fall sports. Please fax schedules to 748-1980. Or, them to: Hills Newspapers, 1516 Oak St., Alameda 94501.



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Arts

Jewish film fest challenges assumptions

By Sura Wood

SPECIAL TO THE
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A child's-eye view of growing up in the Middle East is revealed in "Promises," a new documentary about seven Israeli and Palestinian children between the ages of 8 and 13. It's being shown as part of the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, a series of films being screened in S.F., Berkeley, Redwood City and San Rafael through Aug. 6.

Although these children live only 20 minutes away from each other in and around Jerusalem, they are separated by the nearly impenetrable barrier of war. Inheritors of prejudice, dogmatism and suspicion engendered by ancient hatreds, they share common enemies — death, loss, fear — along with the everyday obsessions of youth everywhere: sports, clothes, school, hanging out with friends.

A collaborative venture by Justine Shapiro, Carlos Bolado and B.Z. Goldberg, all of Berkeley, "Promises" was shot in 1997 and 1998 with follow-up interviews in 2000 — a period of relative peace in the Middle East.

"We wanted to make something that reflected the nature of these children," says Shapiro, 38. "They have their own humor, their own idiosyncrasies. Children of that age are especially wonderful to work with because they're not as self-conscious as teen-agers. They are really very candid and they see things very simply and honestly. They say the conflict is about land. And in a way, it's adults and the politics that make



CHILDREN OF JERUSALEM share their feelings and perceptions about the Middle East conflict in "Promises," a documentary by Berkeley filmmakers that's featured in the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival.

"They are really very candid and they see things very simply and honestly."

— Justine Shapiro

it seem more complicated."

Shapiro did not have politics on her mind when she went to Israel in spring 1995 on a routine assignment for "Lonely Planet," the travel-adventure cable TV program for which she was host and co-writer.

Once there, however, she made a series of connections that would be the genesis of the "Promises" project.

One notable meeting was with

a 13-year-old Palestinian girl who was visiting a beach on a school trip. "We were smiling at each other and I got to talking to her," Shapiro recalls. "But when I asked her what it was like for her to be in Israel for the first time, she spat on the sand and said: 'This is not Israel, this is Palestine.'"

"I told her I was Jewish. That moment was almost like a scene from a really bad TV movie: Suddenly her eyes filled with tears

PREVIEW

■ **WHAT:** San Francisco Jewish Film Festival: 44 features, 26 shorts

■ **WHERE AND WHEN:** Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley (Saturday-Aug. 2), Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City (July 29-Aug. 2); Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St., San Rafael (Aug. 4-6); "Promises" will be shown today at 1 p.m. at the Castro and July 31 at 8 p.m. at the Fox

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$8.50 regular admission per program; discounts and packages available

■ **CONTACT:** 925-866-9559, www.sjff.org

and this expression of shock and confusion and betrayal shocked her face. I realized I was the first Jew she'd ever spoken to, and I wasn't the demon she expected me to be. She walked away from me without a word."

That encounter and others like it, Shapiro says, opened her eyes. "I had read a lot about the Middle East, but I hadn't ever really felt how Palestinians and Israelis were living it day to day. In the West, we get used to politics being something intellectual. The violence, the passion and the emotions are disconnected from the events."

Later that year, Shapiro returned to the region with Goldberg to do research and to interview hundreds of kids from different areas. "You turn a corner in Israel and there's an issue," Shapiro says. "Jews and Palestinians love to talk

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Burton's 'Apes' monkeyshines work

■ Revisiting 'Planet' is enjoyable enough, thanks to the film's strong visuals

By Mary F. Pols

STAFF WRITER

You know the drill. Astronaut crash-lands on a planet where apes rule and humans are caged, enslaved and treated like animals. Observing his plight, we reflect on humanity's ills and sign up for PETA.

In director Tim Burton's enjoyable but hardly radical version of the classic Pierre Boulle sci-fi novel that already spawned five movies and a TV series, Mark Wahlberg plays the astronaut. He's Captain Leo Davidson, a frustrated pilot whose timid commander prefers to send trained chimps into dangerous situations. "He's the canary, that's the coal mine," the commander says, blasting Leo's affable charge Pericles into the heart of an electrical storm.

Heroically trying to save the chimp, Leo is zapped by the electrical storm and sent forward in time 400 years. But he's not so disoriented that he doesn't know

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Planet of the Apes"

■ **STARRING:** Mark Wahlberg, Helena Bonham Carter, Tim Roth, Estella Warren

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (action/violence)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 59 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B-

to run when he lands smack in the middle of a pack of humans being chased by warrior apes through the forest. The pack, including dreadlocked Karubi (Kris Kristofferson) and his puffy-lipped daughter Daena (model Estella Warren), prove no match for the apes, though. They quickly land in a cage, at the mercy of a slave trader named Limbo (Paul Giamatti, providing comic relief).

Fortunately for Leo, a human-rights activist, Ari (Helena Bonham Carter), takes a shining to him (she flirts by picking at his hair) and is easily persuaded to



FROM 'THE GREEN MILE' to "Planet of the Apes": Michael Clarke Duncan prepares to lead his troops into battle against those pesky humans.

help him escape the ape city.

Naturally there's an obstacle, the human-hating Thade, who commands the army and has a crush on Ari.

Somewhere under Thade's extensive makeup is Tim Roth, who has reigned supreme as a cinematic villain since his "Rob

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Actors Ensemble stages melodrama

■ Vaudevillian mind readers, dead politicians, intrigue and a valuable postage stamp — it's all at the Live Oak Theatre

"BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD, O Time, in your flight, Make me a child again just for tonight!"

Change the last half of the couplet to "Take me to Live Oak Theatre for the show there tonight" and you have placed yourself in a theatrical time to enjoy "The Great Sebastians," a genuine old-time melodramatic comedy.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley is even doing the Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse play in three acts with two intermissions. The format is a holdover from the old days before playwrights and producers telescoped the action into two acts and a single break.

Recently, some local theaters have been presenting marathon works that run for 90 minutes to almost two hours without a break. It does a lot for sustaining momentum and



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

continuity. Alas, it also requires a notice either in the lobby or the program — little good that does after you've taken your seat — to visit the restrooms first.

But I digress. Back to "The Great Sebastians."

The title refers to a husband-and-wife vaudeville mind-reading act playing at the (1948) in Prague, Czechoslovakia. They are well-connected with some of the top politicians of an earlier regime. One of the officials dies shortly after the pair — Rudi Sebastian (Dan Wilson) and his wife, Essie (Irish Tillman) — have had lunch with him.

The new communist government wants the Sebastians to sign a paper falsely saying the dead official was unhappy and depressed about his actions in the former government. They

refuse and that lands them in a heap of trouble.

Rudi and Essie are hired by one of the new big shots to do their mind-reading act at his home. He hopes to use their insights — ha! — to uncover a traitor in his government. The play backfires. The Sebastians find themselves prisoners, with their life savings (in the form of a valuable postage stamp) in the hands of the enemy.

All ends happily, of course, this being a comedy.

True to its melodrama origins, the show is suspenseful, plot-oriented — lots of interesting stuff about how mind reading is done — and heavily (and humorously) bravura in acting style. Director Rachel J. Hefler keeps the action moving at a fast pace with a large cast that seems to be having fun.

A tiny quibble. There are more laughs in this comedy than the actors were able to coax from the opening night audience. That might improve as the cast settles into the run — weekends through Aug. 11 — and sharpens the timing of the lines.

Tickets are \$10. Live Oak Theatre is at 1301 Shattuck

Ave. (at Berryman), Berkeley. Call 510-528-5620.

DERRING-DO AT CCC: That wonderfully daring and dueling piece of derring-do, "The Three Musketeers," is coming to Contra Costa College's Performing Arts Center this weekend and next.

This is an original adaptation by the CCC Drama Department and the Young Actors Workshop of Alexander Dumas' novel.

Under the guidance of Susan Worthing, artistic director, and Tim Zenor-Davis and Laura Elaine Ellis, associate directors, the company of talented and energetic actors promises to take us on a journey through time as the actors weave a tale of the escapades of the Three Musketeers and the people they encounter.

Ellis and Peter Temple have been working with the students on some of the fine points of stage combat and swordplay. Should be action aplenty for the whole family.

Shows at the Performing Arts Center at the edge of the campus, El Portal Drive and

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EVENTS

Oakland Public Library —

ALL BRANCHES — "Read! Make It Your Thing!" through Aug. 6. Teens in grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in the library's annual teen summer reading program. (510) 238-3848 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM

"Celebrating 50 Years of the Oakland History Room," through Sept. 15. This exhibit features rare photographs, programs, scrapbooks, postcards and manuscripts. Main Library, 125 14th St. (510) 238-3222

BROOKFIELD LIBRARY/BIBLIOTHECA BROOKFIELD —

"Rotary Center Small Animals Program," Aug. 2, 2 p.m. 9255 Edes Ave. (510) 615-5725
EASTMONT BRANCH — "African American Genealogy Class," July 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Peggy Woodruff leads the course. (510) 615-5974

7200 Bancroft Ave. (510) 615-5726
WEST OAKLAND BRANCH — "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. 1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049
Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

Contra Costa County Library —

ALL BRANCHES — "Treasure Your Library Summer Reading Program," through Aug. 25. Children may participate in this reward-based program to encourage summer reading.
KENSINGTON BRANCH — "Family Story Time," Tuesdays, 7 p.m. through July 31. For all ages. Contra Costa County, (800) 984-INFO or www.contra-costa.lib.ca.us/

Cody's Bookstores —

Odetta Larsen and Alexander Cockburn, July 27. The authors discuss Larsen's memoir about her adolescence near Las Vegas and her experience with the dark side of Oakland's streets during the '50s and '60s.

BOOK CLUBS —

"Kids' Summer Reading Club," July 28, 11 a.m. At 1730 Fourth St. "Spanish Book Club," Aug. 3. Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. and at 2454 Telegraph Ave. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley. (510) 845-7852

Marcus Book Store —

Alice Randall, July 27. The author reads from "The Wind Done Gone," a literary reinvention of "Gone With the Wind" told from the point of view of Scarlett O'Hara's mulatto half-sister Barbara Neely. July 28. The author discusses "Blanche Passes Go," about intrigue and revenge. Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 652-2344.

Oakland's Historic Downtown

Walking Tours — The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last about an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.

"First Tuesday Tour." Visit City Hall and learn about its restoration. The tour also visits Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and city administration buildings. Meet at the front steps of City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. **SUMMER DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS —** through October.

"Historic Churches and Temples," July 28. Visit three historic places of worship and learn about the architecture as well as the influence of the churches in the development of Oakland. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Broadway at 27th Street.

Oakland Chinatown, Aug. 1 and Aug. 18. This bustling Asian Center is the fifth largest Chinatown in the United States. Visit the sidewalk markets filled with fresh fish, barbecued duck, exotic fruits and vegetables. Walk through the herb shops and see fresh noodles being made. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza Fountain at 9th and Webster Streets.

Jack London's Waterfront, Aug. 4. Tour the Port of Oakland and learn about Jack London. Visit the Jack London Museum and see the restored yacht of President Roosevelt, the USS Potomac. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of the Colors Restaurant, 101 Broadway.

Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3234 or www.oaklandnet.com

Oakland Heritage Alliance Walking

Tours — through Aug. 26. Each year, the organization adds new tours to its roster. For 2001, "West Oakland: Rehabilitated Victorians" and "Oakmore" have been added. This summer's focus is on Oakland waterways and includes stops at the lake, Laney College channel and the estuary at Fifth Avenue Point.

"Brookhurst Street," July 28, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Built up around 1900, this West Oakland neighborhood was home to Anne Bragman, Delliha Beasley, C.L. Dellums and other giants of the city's history. Meet at the Calou House, 3251 Martin Luther King.

"Rebuilding Oakland Point," July 29, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The area developed in the 1870s at the termi-

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Please read this outdoors

Last month, ABC-TV aired a prime-time special reported by controversial John Stossel. The show's premise was basically that environmentalists have taken over the environmental movement, that the movement is anti-business and that it has infiltrated both the educational system and the me-

In one segment, Stossel assembled a panel of scientists who agreed with hot-air source John Limbaugh that global warming was a myth, that such climate changes were both natural and had historical precedent.

Most of us in Northern California are concerned about the environment, and those of you who saw this show probably found it more than a bit ridiculous — even though few of us have ever chained ourselves to trees, leave alone lived in one. We do love our redwood forests. When someone visits me out of state, like many of you, I try to take them to a redwood grove, usually the peaceful Armstrong Woods State Park near Guerneville up in Sonoma County. Neither words, pictures, or sound can begin to describe the cathedral atmosphere and awe therein. Saying all this, I know environmental extremists when I see one, and they do exist. But they don't have anywhere near the power and influence Stossel imagines.

And although I've taken up watching the past two years (which automatically makes me suspect among some Low Republicans), I don't think I'm one of the media types Stossel so glibly identifies. I found his ABC hour amusing and absurd, partly because he was obviously seeking controversy, but mostly because his supporting evidence was so flimsy.

Next Wednesday evening was the perfect antidote: The venerable Sir David Attenborough, the BBC commentator who brought color television to Britain and who has done such excellent CBC/PBS specials as "Life on Earth," "Living Planet," and 1998's wonderful part series, "The Life of Mantis."

Attenborough, who has sufficient scientific respect that he's a Trustee of the British Museum, has the goods — hard scientific evidence — to refute most of Stossel's assertions.

His superb new BBC three-hour special, "State of the Planet With David Attenborough," premieres at 8 p.m. Wednesday on the Discovery Channel. Make a note now so you don't miss this show. And

not just because of its stunning photography, some of the most beautiful and eye-popping on TV in years. Watch because Attenborough, hardly a flake or an extremist, has both careful reasoning and proof behind him.

As usual, the peripatetic Attenborough has the full resources of the BBC here (he's a former top Beeb exec) including access to many of the top scientific experts in the world and the ability to be in an Ecuadorian rain forest in one scene, Kenya the next, then up in Oregon woodlands for a segment on the spotted-owl controversy.

Refreshingly, instead of ranting business or Bush-bashing, Sir David calmly makes his case, showing that there's far more biodiversity on Earth than anyone ever imagined — an estimated 100 million species of flora and fauna (and of them microorganisms like bacteria) have yet to be identified. He gets past the hype of headlines and demonstrates how science is beginning to learn about the natural world (e.g., only 5 percent of the world's ocean has been explored). He concludes that man, by modifying the environment at an unprecedented rate today, is basically playing dice with nature. And that's all done without

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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Showtimes for Friday, July 27.

Alameda County

Act I & II

- 2100 Center Street, Berkeley 943-FILM
- **Honey and the Angry Inch** (R) 7:15, 9:45
- **Sexy Beast** (R) 7:00, 9:30

Albany Twin

- Solano Avenue, Albany 943-RM
- **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
- **The Cider House** (L) 4:00, 6:30, 8:50

California Theatres

- 2113 Kipling Street, Berkeley 943-FILM
- **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00, 8:15
- **Made** (R) 1:15, 3:30, 5:25, 7:40, 10:00
- **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

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- **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:35, 8:10, 9:30, 10:35
- **Baby Boy** (R) 7:25, 10:15
- **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 1:35, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:20
- **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 11:35 a.m., 1:55, 4:05, 6:15, 8:25, 10:30

- **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 10:00
- **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 12:25
- **America's Sweethearts** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45 a.m., 12:30, 1:45, 2:20, 3:00, 3:45, 4:35, 5:20, 6:20, 7:10, 8:00, 8:50, 9:35, 10:20

- **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 2:50, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10
- **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 4:50, 7:05, 9:25

- **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:00, 2:00, 2:40, 3:55, 4:45, 5:25, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30
- **Scary Movie 2** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:20, 3:25, 5:25, 7:35, 9:40
- **The Score** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 3:20, 7:20, 10:25
- **Shrek** (PG) 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 4:40

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- 32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-2553
- **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 9:30
- **America's Sweethearts** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:45, 1:35, 2:20, 3:05, 4:05, 4:55, 5:40, 6:30, 7:30, 8:15, 9:10, 9:55, 10:45, 11:20, 12:15 a.m.

- **Baby Boy** (R) 6:50, 9:50
- **Brother** (NR) 11:25 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35

- **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:05 a.m., 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:15
- **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:15, 7:00
- **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 4:45, 7:15, 10:15

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- **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:40, 10:00, 12:15 a.m.

- **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 12:35, 3:20, 5:35, 8:10, 10:35
- **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:20, 1:30, 2:40, 3:55, 5:10, 6:15, 8:45, 9:45, 11:10, 12:05 a.m.

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- **Shrek** (PG) 11:25 a.m., 1:55, 4:10

Chabot Cinema

- 2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
- **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

- **Chabot Space & Science Center Tien MegaMovie**
- 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 336-7300
- **Antarctica** (NR) 2:30
- **The Mysteries of Egypt** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 8:30
- **Solar Max** (NR) 12:30, 7:30
- **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30

Elmwood

- 2595 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
- **Amores Perros** (R) 4:05, 9:30
- **Big Eden** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:05
- **Bully** (NR) 4:45, 9:25
- **Himalayas: Celestine D'Un Chef** (G) 2:10, 7:00
- **Starup** (PG) 2:20, 9:30
- **Under the Sand** (Sous le Sable) (NR) 2:45, 7:20

- **Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley ***
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- **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

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- **Shrek** (PG) 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 4:40

- **Century 20 Union City Union Landing ***
- 32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-2553
- **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 9:30
- **America's Sweethearts** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:45, 1:35, 2:20, 3:05, 4:05, 4:55, 5:40, 6:30, 7:30, 8:15, 9:10, 9:55, 10:45, 11:20, 12:15 a.m.

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- **Chabot Cinema**
- 2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
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- **Chabot Space & Science Center Tien MegaMovie**
- 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 336-7300
- **Antarctica** (NR) 2:30
- **The Mysteries of Egypt** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 8:30
- **Solar Max** (NR) 12:30, 7:30
- **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30

- **Elmwood**
- 2595 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
- **Amores Perros** (R) 4:05, 9:30
- **Big Eden** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:05
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Julia Morgan Center for the Arts: Kaleidoscope Camps, 2640 College Ave., offers its final Summer 2001 Performing Arts Camp Aug. 6 through Aug. 17. The camp is for children ages 7-17, no previous performing arts experience necessary. Students start each day with one-and-a-half-hour intensive theatre classes covering basic, intermediate and advanced acting, stage combat, musical theatre, physical comedy, clowning, creative movement and improvisation. Call 845-3133 for fee information.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9882.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LBGTQ Parent and Prospective Parent

Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups for Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information, call 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lshinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

The West Berkeley Market continues through Oct. 28. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at University Avenue between Third and Fourth streets. The event includes crafts, specialty foods, music, and family fun. For more information, call 654-8346 or visit the Web site at www.westberkeleymarket.com

Dog and puppy temporary foster homes urgently needed. Shelters overcrowded, situation desperate. Call Hopalong Animal Rescue today, 530-5154

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marlon Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 844-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice

presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 842-0808

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 -- the childcare room--parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice--Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11144, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

"Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 844-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 556-1335 for information

Engle-In-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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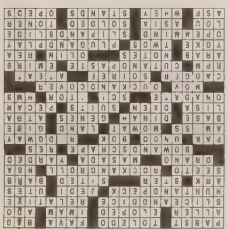
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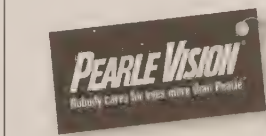
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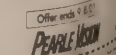
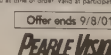
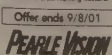
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Shattuck Ave., features "Sistahs: Ceramics," the creative work of Renata Gray, through Aug. 4. Her artwork revolves around patterns and designs. Her images are based on relationships and are shared with women, men, and children. The opening reception is 1-3 p.m. Sunday, July 29. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and by appointment. The gallery is located at 3400 Shattuck Ave. For more information, call 548-9272.

ACCI continues "Dream Landscapes" an exhibition of abstract art, through Aug. 4. The exhibit features the work of Sidney Farel, fiber, Van-der-Weide, prints; Naomi Pollicoff, prints; William Shinn, sculpture and painting. Call 843-2527 for gallery hours or more information.

UC Berkeley YWCA, 2800 Bancroft Way, continues the exhibition of Se-aside artist, Mary Black through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Black uses the ancient method of encaustic painting in which layers of wax and pigment are applied and fused. For more information, call 707-823-5261.

Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents two emerging artists: Christa Hsu and Hee-Jin Kim through Aug. 15. Christa Hsu's high-fire ce-ramics are inspired by 1950's product, modern architectural and interior de-sign, but have a uniquely contempo-rary look. Hee-Jin Kim's black and white photography explore subjects from the Home Depot, products to the city to urban space in a shadowy, minimalist style. Gallery hours: Mon- through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Satur- day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Sunday. For more information, call Mia Cappodipoli at 843-2527.

Tree Gallery, 2599 Eighth St., presents an exhibit of paintings, draw- ings, sculpture and mixed media by Bay artists through July 29. Gallery hours: Saturdays and Sun- days, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more in- formation, call the gallery at 540-7843 or contact Suzanne at 531-4545.

Richmond Museum of History continues exhibits highlighting Rich- mond's agricultural beginnings, in- dustry, achievements, and homefront contributions during WWII. Special exhibits and events are held through- out the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library at 4th Street and Nativ Ave. Call 525-787 for more information or to arrange tours.

Albany Arts Committee continues new exhibition of acrylic paintings by John Dawson, "Call Flora & Flora," through Aug. 23 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 90 Main Ave. Gallery hours: Mon-

day through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more infor- mation, call 526-0683.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mon- days, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportu- nities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demon- strations and instruction will be pro- vided on request. Admission: \$7-50 residents, \$9-38 nonresidents. The lo- cation: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more infor- mation, call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Wa- tercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for addi- tional information.

New Pieces Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclu- sively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. De- tails: 527-6779.

Literary Events

Poetry Flash @ Cody's, 2454 Tele- graph Ave., present poets Justin Chin and Gerry Gomez Pearlberg; at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5. Chin, a strong performance poet writes about a broad array of ideas, from science to his travels in Asia to immigrant life in America. Pearlberg reads from her new collection, "Mr. Bluebird." Poetry Flash at Cody's is a collaboration be- tween Poetry Flash Magazine and Cody's Bookstore. Readings begin at 7:30 p.m., \$2 donation. Call 845-7852 for more information.

The Easy Going Travel Shop and Book- store, 1385 Shattuck Ave., presents "An Evening with the Wild Women Travel Writers Group," 7:30 p.m. Tues- day July 31. The group will read from their new anthology and a panel dis- cussion on travel writing will follow. The event is free. Call 843-6725 for more information.

The Reading Edge is available for pub- lic use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 844-6648 to set up a training ses- sion.

Meetings

Berkeley Camera Club meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Commu- nity Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what

other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more infor- mation, call Don at 525-3565.

Kensington Senior Activity Center meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ar- lington Community Church, 52 Arling- ton Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers pre- sent the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volun- teers of all ages are needed. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2088 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had rela- tives in the US Military are invited to at- tend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The ori- entations outline the resources avail- able to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thurs- days at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Every- one over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for additional infor- mation.

The YWCA offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the cen- ter's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters, The Smart Club! Meet- ings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restau- rant, 2068 Center St. For additional in- formation call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley, Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)

meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more infor- mation.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Ed- ucation Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except De- cember) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffey Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many pa- tients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

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Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

"Voices of Healing" is a group explor- ing the psychological and spiritual di- mensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more infor- mation.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thurs- day of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships. Feldenkrais Center, 630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overstressed Anonymous, a 12 step pro- gram providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcom- ers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church,

2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further infor- mation, call 273-9292.


TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin, 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No ad- vance reservations are required, drop- in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffey Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight way Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.


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All Akbar College of Music presents Rta Sahai, vocals, Rachel Unterseher, violin, Madhukar Malayanur, tabla, Dhruva Ghosh, sarangi, and Uttam Chakraborty on tabla, at 7:30 p.m. Fri- day, Aug. 10 at the St. John's Presby- terian Church, 2727 College Ave. Tick- ets, general \$20, AACM members and

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derstand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

A free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Restorative Yoga class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and discomfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Berkeley Fibromyalgia Support Group presents Dr. Kathryn Williams from noon to 2 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical Center, Maffei Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Williams is the former chairman for Department of Rehabilitation, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. Her topic is "Current Understanding of Fibromyalgia." The event is free. For more information, call D.L. Mall-nousky, 601-0550. For directions only, call Barbara Ridley at 204-4503.

Adult Survivors of Incest, a local support group in the east bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call At-tica Peece at 825-1698. Feel free to leave a message.

The pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one can often feel overwhelming — especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to

help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 889-1104.

The Grief Care Community offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center at Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.balf.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothea Dorn, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information call 204-4503.

Lecture/Workshop

Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., offers a "Residential Solar Electricity" workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28. This workshop will introduce participants to residential solar electricity. Cost: \$15 for nonmembers; \$10 for members. Call 548-2220 extension 233 to reserve space and for more information.

Aquatic Outreach Institute offers "Habitat Stewards, Gardening for Wildlife," a four-day, hands-on workshop where participants learn how to create gardens that provide habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife. The workshop takes place 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 9; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18 and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21. Participants must be able to attend all four days. Training will include field trips to local gardens.

and presentations by local experts. Space in the workshop is limited. Register quickly. Cost: \$25. For more information, call Lisa Lacabanne at the Aquatic Outreach Institute, 231-5783.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2800 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

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"What Is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Book Sellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragma Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

Emotions Anonymous Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Religion

Nyngma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, presents long-time Nyngma Center student Mark Henderson at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5. Henderson presents four attitudes of mind that can direct our questioning and development. The Four Thoughts, known in Buddhism, are preciousness of human life, knowledge of impermanence, suffering, and karma. The

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Shotgun Players, presents Joe Orton's comedy "Loot," opening 8 p.m. through Aug. 26 at LaVal's Subterranean Theater, 1834 Euclid Ave. The play directed by Reid Davis, features Andy Habran, Jonathan Gonzalez, Alex Lopez, Renee Penegar, Greg Lucey, and Danny Wolohan. General admission: \$15 and \$10 for students and seniors. Call 655-0613 for more information or visit the Web site at Shotgunplayers.org.

Spokeasy Theatre, 2016 7th St., presents Lyle Kessler's "Orphans" through Sunday Aug. 5, Times: 8 p.m. Friday through Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. Orphans tells the tale of a mysterious stranger who invades the home of two orphaned brothers, and shatters their sheltered world of crime and self-deception. Tickets: \$15 general. For ticket and reservations call 326-8493. For more information about the performance, call 415-831-2222.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. presents "West Side Story," continues through Aug. 11. Times: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays: 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$6 for 16 and under. For more information, call 524-9132. For group sales: 524-6654

Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

Family Folkdance takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

Classes

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (prorated fees apply), \$5 for drop in session. For more information, call Mel

Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m. **Vista Community College**, 2020 Militia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

Assets Senior Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 844-6130 for additional information.

The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

The Ecology Center, 2630 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic land-

scape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for non-members; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

A CopWatch class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

Volunteers

Tibetan Aid Project seeks volunteers to help preserve the ancient wisdom of Tibet. Assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books. Prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Or help fundraise to distribute these treasures to Tibetans in exile. For location and more information, call 800-338-4238.

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, seeks volunteers for its Tele-Care program. Volunteers provide friendly, caring check-up calls on a daily basis to seniors, convalescents, and others who are home-bound. Volunteers pick the days they would like to call and use phones at Alta Bates. For more information, call Sabra, 204-4487, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

PediatricCare provides on-going support groups for families coping with illness, grief or loss within the family. Groups meet weekly evenings in Oakland and Walnut Creek. Fees are on a sliding scale. Call PediatricCare at 531-7551 for more information.

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is conducting a study, funded by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The goal of the study is to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse drug treatment: medical model drug treatment and social model drug treatment. The study is called the SMART Project. Interested parties may call 1-888-249-8802 for more information.

La Pena Cultural Center needs volunteers with technical sound skills. The commitment is two programs per month. Call Kahili 849-2568, ext. 11 for more information.

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Section D

Classic Classics Vintage VW Beetle well traveled [D4]



CHEVROLET AVALANCHE goes from SUV to pickup truck with ease thanks to well engineered Midgate conversion.

Chevy Avalanche changes everything about trucks

The 2002 Chevy Avalanche is not exactly a sport utility vehicle and it's not a pickup truck. Avalanche, a crossbreed, is dubbed the "Ultimate Utility Vehicle."

To put it simply, the Avalanche looks like an SUV with a short pickup bed. But in a matter of a minute this supposed-looking SUV converts into a full-size pickup truck with an 8-foot bed. The magic in this abracadabra maneuver is called the "Midgate."

The General Motors Midgate design should go down in the automotive history books as the most

arrestingly functional design innovation that will single-handedly change the way people buy trucks. There are currently an estimated 30-million households with both a pickup truck and sport utility vehicle in the driveway.

General Motors is betting that the Avalanche will be the all-in-one answer to the truck need. Perhaps the second vehicle in the drive will eventually become a car.

I found the size and stance of the Avalanche intimidating. The truck is nearly 222 inches in length, 80 inches wide, stands about 74

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inches high and has a curb weight of more than 5,500 pounds.

I also expected to be somewhat hassled in converting the five-passenger cab into a pickup bed, anticipating getting my shins knicked, fingers pinched and shoulders knocked. But the Midgate design is so well engineered, it is easier to convert the cab than it is to make instant oatmeal.

While I simultaneously read the instructions in the owner's manual, it took me about a minute to fold down the 60/40 second row seats and unlatch and store the rear window to convert the cab into a pickup.

The rear window stores in a clever lockable hideaway in the wall between the passenger cabin and pickup box.

This barrier is the vital organ of the Avalanche. It is the sheath that defines the Midgate feature. It is the aorta to the heart of the Avalanche. That the Midgate is constructed so

well and operates so efficiently, its development can be likened to a medical science breakthrough for the automotive industry.

Other design elements that contribute to the forceful presence of the Avalanche are the large body-side composite moldings around the lower portions of the truck. These protective exterior elements reduce body damage from gravel and debris that kick up in off-road conditions.

Sail panel at the back end of the

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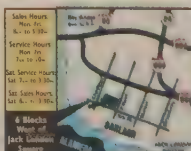
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Have engine mounts checked for banging

Dear Doctor: We own a 1993 Dodge Caravan four-cylinder with only 39,000 miles. When I shift into reverse the engine races, a bang occurs and the van jumps backwards.

When I am in drive, it feels like the exhaust is hitting the undercarriage at a stoplight in drive. I recently had a full tune-up. Can you help?

Dear Isabelle: Engine mounts are a very common problem on four-cylinder pre-1995 Dodge products. I suggest you take the van to a shop and ask the technician to check all engine mounts, including the top transmission mount on the driver's side.

A worn mount will cause engine movement and vibrations, along with higher idle speed and banging when the car is shifted in gear.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1991 Mazda MPV minivan with the four-cylinder engine. When I try to start the vehicle, too much gasoline goes to the engine.

I cannot get any trouble codes out of the computer and the "check engine" light is on. Can you help?

Dear James: If the engine is squirting too much fuel, check the fuel pressure and coolant temperature sensor. Also see if the injectors are grounded as soon as the key is turned on. Remember, with the key on, there are 12 volts going to all injectors. The computer grounds the injectors as needed.

A faulty computer or bad injector can also cause this problem. I would suggest towing the van to a shop that has knowledge of your minivan. Let the technicians check it, and if you want to make the repair, then you do it.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1989 Oldsmobile wagon with the 5.0-liter V-8 engine. The "check engine" light came on. I looked for trouble codes and found a code 34, indicating a map sensor problem.

The engine runs fine. I disconnected the battery to clear the computer. The "check engine" light came back on. What

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needs to be done?

Dear Tony: Both vacuum and voltage need to be checked at the map sensor. A broken (cracked) vacuum hose is a common problem on older vehicles.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Lincoln Mark VII. Recently, I had difficulty seeing the road at night. I went to the dealer and he said that the inside headlight reflectors were burnt a brown color. The only repair was a replacement headlight assembly at a cost of \$1,500.

I wrote to Ford Motor Co. and never received a response. It seems that Ford does not care about its loyal customers. I never had the headlight assembly fail on any of my other cars. What can you suggest?

Dear Andy: I have seen many of the new designed headlight capsules that have failed on both domestic and import vehicles. You do have a couple of options.

First, check with the local auto body shop. You may be able to find good used or aftermarket headlight assemblies. I would also call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and register a complaint (800-424-9393). If enough owners complain about the same safety concern, an investigation could be opened up.

As for the letter you wrote to Ford, write another letter and send it by registered mail.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Nissan Altima GXE. I have been trying to find a way to increase power. I would like to spend about \$350. What can be done?

Dear Dee: There are not a lot of options to increase power on the Altima. I would recommend only two items. The first is a cold air filter package, not just an open air filter that sits under the hood.

The second is a low restriction exhaust system, not just a big outlet noise-maker. You will notice an increase in power and maybe even an improvement in gas mileage.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Chevrolet half-ton pickup 4.3-liter V-6 with 60,000 miles. After traveling 50 miles, I heard a heavy jarring sound when the transmission shifted from first to second gears. I still have the problem and there is also a clunk when I shift it manually.

The dealer checked it and said there is a trouble code for the TCC solenoid. The cost of transmission service repair is \$550. What do you think?

Dear Tom: The transmissions in most late model vehicles are electronically controlled. There are very few mechanical adjustments to change shifting patterns. Some companies sell reprogrammers that will alter shifting and engine management controls.

As for the clunk sound, there is a lot of movement between the long driveshaft and suspension. Some clunking is normal in the driveline.

Chevrolet does sell a special grease that is applied to the front driveshaft yoke. This is a very slippery grease that sometimes eliminates some of the noise. The clunk should not be a safety concern.

As for the \$550 cost of repair, try an independent transmission shop for an opinion and price.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Pontiac Sunbird with the 3.1-liter V-6 powerplant. When I start the engine, I smell antifreeze. The smell goes away after a couple of minutes. There are no signs of any problems. What do you think?

Dear Sam: I would have the car checked by a local shop for a small coolant leak, particularly at the water pump. The 3100 Series engine has a good track record and no major head gasket leaks; however, I have seen some intake manifold gasket problems.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

Drive

FROM PAGE D1

body's inability to regulate temperature. In a closed environment the body can go into shock, and circulation to vital organs will begin to fail.

Even when the vehicle windows are opened several inches, interior temperature in a car can mount quickly, particularly in dark-colored cars.

With an outdoor temperature of 93 degrees, the interior will reach 125 degrees in 20 minutes, and 140 degrees in 40 minutes. That extreme heat can kill a child or do serious permanent damage.

Surveys have shown that younger parents (between 18 and 24) are twice as likely as older parents to say it's OK to leave children unattended in a parked car. And the younger parents are more likely to have children young-er than 3, those most vulnerable.

GM and Safe Kids have launched a national public awareness campaign to alert parents and caregivers to the risks of leaving children unattended in parked vehicles, even for a quick dash into a store for a single item.

"These quick forays have a way of lengthening into dangerous minutes," one concerned observer of a child in a locked car said to me. She had seen the pony-tailed driver dash for a drugstore entrance, leaving two small children and a small dog in the back seat.

"Call me a busybody, but I'll stay here 'til she gets back. My watch is timing her and my cellphone is set for 911."

A less happenstance sort of surveillance has been devised by GM and was unveiled in April. It is scheduled for the marketplace in 2004.

The GM device is a sensor designed to work when a vehicle's engine is turned off. The sensor sends a low energy radio signal throughout the coverage area of the interior, detecting movement as slight as a

The sensor should save lives. 'Just as important, however, is the need to get the message out: It is never safe to leave a child alone in a vehicle.'

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FROM PAGE D1

Avalanche give structural support to the truck and visually connect the cab and the bed.

Many SUV owners expect a certain level of carlike comfort. The Avalanche delivers on this expectation with a quiet cabin, an independent front suspension with five-link coil spring rear suspension, and speed-sensitive steering.

Powering the 2002 Avalanche is the 5.3-liter Vortec V-8 that produces 285 horsepower at 5,200 rpm and 325 pound-feet of torque at 4,000 rpm. Chevy engineers say 90 percent of its peak torque is available from 1,600 to 5,000 rpm, which is important for owners who plan to tow or haul. Maximum trailering rating is 8,300 pounds in the 2WD model and 8,100 pounds in the 4WD version. Payload capacity is 1,363 pounds for the 2WD, 1,322-pounds for

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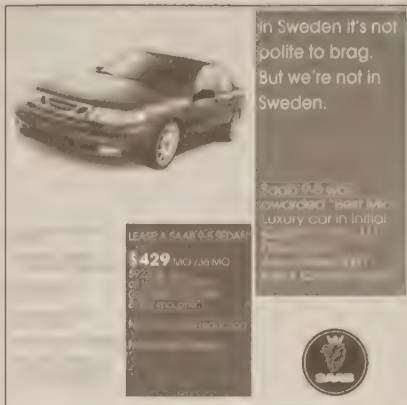
Mercedes-Benz has never before scaled down its luxury line. The sports coupe aimed at buyers who want to graduate from mass-produced brands to a luxury class gives us an opportunity to see a new class of people who "had before," says Ken Enders, Mercedes-Benz USA's vice president of marketing. The C-Class is the biggest opportunity for Mercedes," Enders says. Because until now Mercedes had only 3.6 percent of the entire car segment, compared to 42.6 percent of the high-luxury segment and 18.8 percent of the mid-luxury segment. Enders expects the new coupe to mean double Mercedes' share in the entry-level category. The new coupe's base price of \$42,900 should be low enough to attract buyers who might otherwise opt for an Acura RSX or Toyota Solara. Enders admits that the C-Class is more expensive than other entry-level customers will go for.

But he believes there is more to lure buyers than just the lower price. Despite being the least expensive Mercedes, the sports coupe is as technologically advanced as other Mercedes models, especially in the area of safety. For instance, the C-Class sedan has eight airbags. The coupe even has side airbags for rear-seat passengers, even though there are no rear doors. In addition, the car has side air curtains that deploy from the roof to cover side windows in the event of a side impact. Of course, there are front airbags and side airbags for the driver and front-seat passenger. The coupe has the same body structure as the C-Class sedan, which scored high marks in 40-mph frontal offset crash tests conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Also included are active safety fea-

tures, such as stability control, brake assist with ABS and a suspension that allows the driver to steer around potential obstacles without losing control. Living up to its designation as a sports coupe, the C-Class offers lively performance and handling. Its 2.3-liter, 192-hp four-cylinder engine can propel the car from 0-60 mph in 7.9 seconds with its six-speed manual transmission. The car's five-speed automatic transmission, which accomplishes the same feat in only 1/10-second longer, utilizes touch shift, enabling the driver to shift gears manually without using a clutch. Like the six-cylinder engine in the sedan, the four-cylinder engine in the coupe has a dielectric oil quality sensor. This is located in the oil pan and constantly monitors the oil level, as well as the buildup of contaminants in the oil. By comparing this data with the length of time the car is driven and the type of driving, the system informs the driver when oil changes are

needed, which may be anywhere between 10,000-20,000 miles as opposed to the usual 3,000 miles on most cars. Mercedes is so confident of this system that it doesn't provide scheduled oil changes by miles driven. The system is so effective that Mercedes does not even provide a dip stick to check engine oil level, allowing the dielectric sensor to do the job of monitoring oil level automatically. Enders says Mercedes expects to sell about 8,000 of the new coupes this year and about 16,000 in its first full year in the marketplace. He adds that the car was created for the U.S. market. The C-Class coupe is the model that Mercedes needed to cope with the growing luxury category offerings from mass-produced brands such as Honda and Toyota. Enders says that luxury class offerings from mass-produced brands have soared by 200 percent in the last five years. Now he feels confident that Mercedes can compete with those new models.

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Parisian finds his ideal 1959 VW Bug

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In the early 1990s, his job with Air France took him to the French West Indies. To avoid island fever, he would often take his wife and young son to the United States for relaxation — leaving his Beetle sedan in Guadeloupe.

On one such trip in 1993, Cartier and his family were enjoying the sun and sand in Florida when he heard about a VW convertible for sale in Savannah, Ga.

Since it was not too far away, he went to see the vehicle. It was love at first sight. The 1959 convertible was the car he always dreamed about. Because it seemed to be in excellent condition and had been driven only 55,000 miles, he bought it on the spot.

Cartier and his family flew back to Guadeloupe while the Beetle was trucked to Miami and then shipped to Pointe-à-Pitre via Puerto Rico and St. Martin. He and his fellow members of the Guadeloupe Beetle Club cheered.

Once the vehicle arrived, a closer examination disclosed a typical Beetle malady: a rusted floor pan. Cartier had the body removed and a new floor pan welded into place. With the car back together, Cartier strove to maintain the originality as much as possible.

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Normally, when the exterior of a Beetle is painted, the dashboard should be as well. So Cartier had the dash repainted, but left the gearshift pattern in the original state.

In 1995 Cartier was transferred back to Paris. Because the car was so light, he had it flown back with his household goods.

The vintage Volkswagen proved to be advantageous in the streets of Paris. But in January 2000, Air France moved Cartier to Alexandria, Va.

This time the car was transferred from France to the United States on a ship. By now the car's four-cylinder, air-cooled engine had been rebuilt. Almost everything but the original block had to be replaced. Cartier, not adverse to changing parts, says, "I don't like to change the originality of the car."

For example, he decided to preserve the radio amplifier from 1959 mounted under the front hood even though a lot newer sound equipment is available.

Other details of his convertible: The 5.60x15-inch wide white sidewall Firestone tires on the ground have a fifth cousin un-

der the front hood next to the jack. The jack is designed to simultaneously lift the front and rear tires on one side of the car. With the hood closed, the gas cap is secure.

The emblem on the trunk handle is a stylized version of the emblem of Wolfsburg, the community where Volkswagens are built.

On either side of the hood, just below the bulbous headlights, are two horizontal grilles. Only the left one is authentic in that its sole purpose is to allow sound from the horn to escape. The right one provides only visual balance.

There are 10 slots in the rear engine hood, five on each side. They allow the free flow of air and help keep the engine cool. Only convertible models have these, augmenting the traditional slots above the engine hood and below the rear window, which is real glass in a traditional convertible-lined top.

Inside the snug little cabin is an 80-mph speedometer seen through the two-spoke steering wheel. Because there is no gasoline gauge, a lever near the accelerator can be turned if the car runs out of gasoline. Once turned, the lever provides a reserve tank of about one gallon, enough to drive about 30 miles.

The heater knob is located on the floor between the front bucket seats, near the



VINTAGE VW BUG convertible has been rebuilt and driven 13,000 miles on several continents by its current owner.

gearshift lever. Although air-cooled Volkswagens were notorious for having poor heaters, Cartier insists his works fine. "Here is the air conditioner," Cartier jokes as he opens a wing vent window. The ventilation is needed since Air France will next transfer Cartier to Texas.

During the past eight years Cartier has

driven the car about 13,000 miles, reports that it is in good condition and that he wouldn't need a new one where he is. The cargo planes of Air France are inviting. If you have an antique car of "Classic Classics" readers write to

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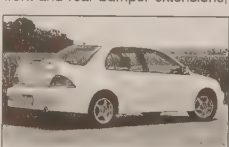
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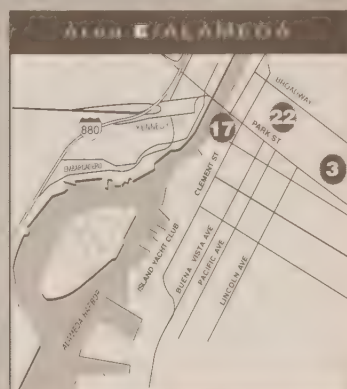
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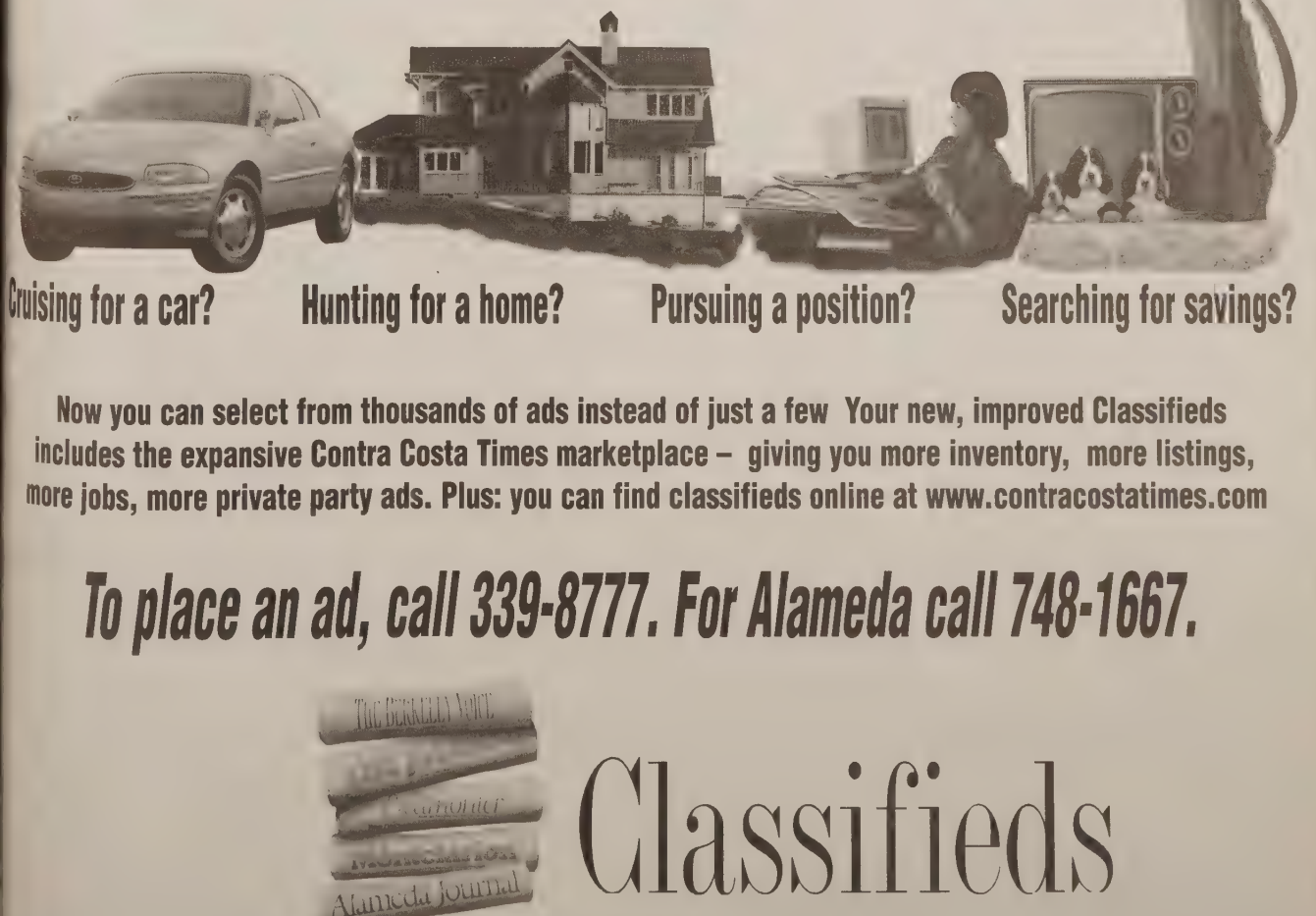
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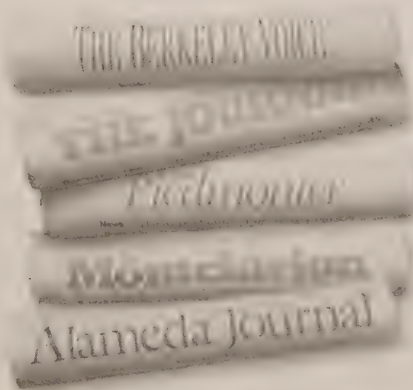
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Fresh, white-fleshed fish marries well with an assertive seasoning in this recipe for Wasabi-Glazed Whitefish with Vegetable Slaw, a dish to grill and have on the table in about 25 minutes.

The wasabi's presence in the recipe is subtle, but fans of the bright-green Japanese condiment will appreciate the touch of head-clearing heat.

Wasabi is found in powdered form in Japanese markets and in many larger supermarkets.

The recipe is among those in the Best and Fabulous Fish chapter in Better Homes and Gardens "Dinner Express" (Meredith, \$24.95).

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Wasabi-Glazed Whitefish with Vegetable Slaw

Preparation 15 minutes,
Cooking time 8 minutes

Use 4-ounce fresh skinless white-fleshed fish fillets (such as catfish, sea bass or orange roughy), about 1 inch thick. Drizzle with light soy sauce and 1/2 teaspoon toasted sesame oil.

1/4 teaspoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon wasabi powder or 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish

1 medium zucchini, coarsely shredded (about 1 1/3 cups)

1 cup sliced radishes

1 cup fresh pea pods

2 tablespoons snipped fresh chives

3 tablespoons rice vinegar

Rinse fish; pat dry. In a small bowl combine soy sauce, 1/4 teaspoon of the sesame oil, 1/4 teaspoon of the sugar, and the wasabi powder. Brush soy mixture over fish.

Place fish in a well-greased wire grill basket, tucking under any thin edges.

Grill fish on the rack of an uncovered grill directly over medium heat for 8 to 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork, turning basket once halfway through cooking.

Meanwhile, for vegetable slaw, in a medium bowl combine zucchini, radishes, pea pods and chives.

Stir together vinegar, the remaining sesame oil and remaining sugar.

Drizzle over the zucchini mixture; toss gently to coat.

Serve fish with slaw.

Makes 4 servings.

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Breaking a few eggs

■ If your mother never taught you how to make an omelet, here are some tips.

BY ALISON ARNETT
THE BOSTON GLOBE

David Rossetto gazes quizzically when asked when he learned to make an omelet.

It's a Frenchman's look, slightly bemused that anyone would even wonder if a lesson was involved in this most Gallic dish.

"You learn omelets without even thinking," he replies.

"Your mother teaches you," he says. He must have been about 10-years-old when he mastered his first one, he says. "An omelet is part of our culture."

Rossetto is the chef of a small French restaurant that he and his wife, Michelle, own.

Omelets aren't on the menu, he says, because the restaurant is open only for supper, when he serves such classics as pork tenderloin with sweet peas à la Française and caramelized onion jus and duck magret with green peppercorn sauce.

In France, omelets are on lunch menus only, served with a green salad. And sometimes, he adds, people eat omelets after a very late night out.

But never for breakfast (We won't tell if you have one in the morning or make a light supper out of one).

The American versions are usually overcooked and contain too many ingredients, thinks Rossetto, who grew up in Chaumont, a small town near Dijon in Burgundy.

Although filled omelets are popular at home, the more common luncheon dish is seasoned with finely chopped herbs or maybe some wild mushrooms.

Omelets have such a revered place in French cuisine that they're usually ordered by degree of doneness, as one would order a steak.

Baveuse is for those who like their centers runny, a point for medium, and bien cuit for well done.

Rossetto remembers going to a restaurant in the Basque region of France where only omelets were served.

He cooked in Nice for several years and often made the Nicaise specialty of poitrine omelets, filled with tiny sardines and anchovies and seasoned with lemon juice and olive oil.

Later, he worked in a restaurant in New York, where egg white omelets were popular. "Not very appetizing," he says, "and hard to make" because they stuck to the pans.

At home, Michelle makes the omelets.

David Rossetto likes to sprinkle his with white wine vinegar, an idiosyncrasy all his own.

Omelet tips

■ Stainless steel bowls work well for mixing. Use a table fork, not a whisk, to stir the eggs.

■ Use a 6-inch skillet with a nonstick finish. If a nonstick pan is not available and you use an ordinary frying pan, coat the pan's surface with more butter.

Size and coating on the pan are more important than the quality of the pan, Rossetto says.

■ Heat the butter to foaming, but do not let it brown.

■ A short cooking time is of the essence so that the omelet doesn't get tough.

■ Use only butter; margarine will change the taste.

■ Make omelets one by one.

David Rossetto's 3-Egg Omelet

Serves 1

The whole operation of making one omelet should take 30 to 45 seconds.

Work quickly and have a warm plate near the stove top.

3 large eggs

1 tablespoon each (or to taste)

finely chopped chives and tarragon

Salt and pepper, to taste

1 tablespoon butter

A few flat parsley leaves (for garnish)

¼ cup finely diced tomato (optional)

1. Have on hand a 6-inch nonstick skillet, a long metal palette knife or a rubber spatula.

In a bowl with a fork, lightly beat the eggs, chives, tarragon, salt, and pepper. Mix the ingredients well, but don't overbeat.

2. Set a 6-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Pick up the butter on the tip of a knife and move it around the pan to coat the surface thoroughly. (You actually need only about 1 teaspoon of the butter, but it's easier to coat the surface if you have more on the knife.)

The butter should be foaming but not browned.

3. Pour the egg mixture into the pan and immediately begin gently stirring with the metal palette knife or rubber spatula, shaking the pan gently at the same time.

If you want a browned omelet, stir only a little so that the bottom surface browns.

If a pale surface is desired, stir more vigorously for 15 seconds, so that the egg mixture keeps moving in the pan. It should be firm on the bottom.

4. Slide the omelet toward the end of the pan (the opposite side from the handle) so that the egg cake rises above the rim.

With the spatula, turn the top quarter of the egg at the rim over the still-soft center. (Rossetto does this by tapping his hand on top of the handle — but be gentle.)

Then shake the pan a little and using the spatula, fold another quarter, pressing down with the spatula. Tuck the edge closest to the handle under the omelet to close it.

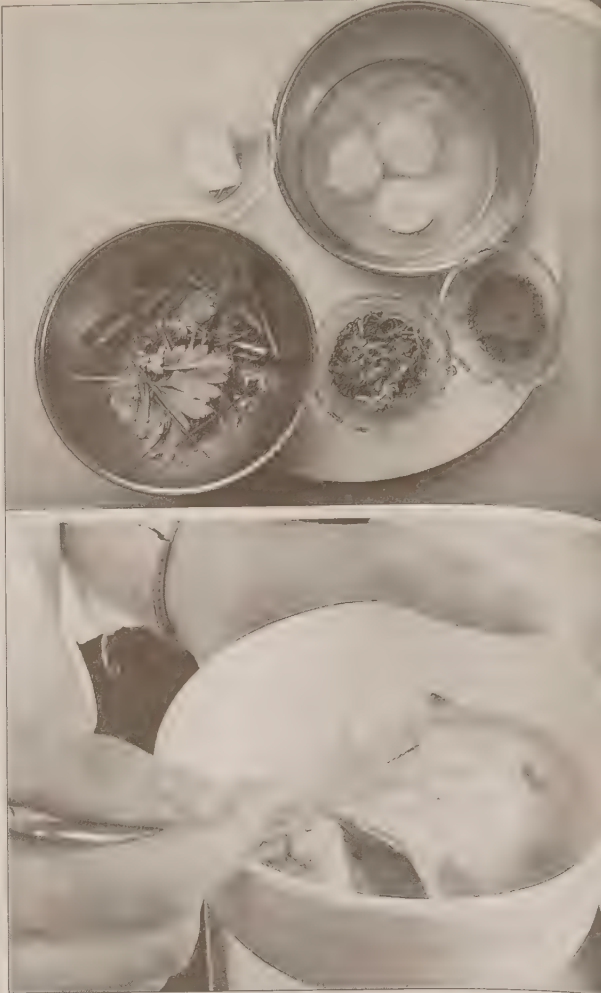
5. Using the spatula, carefully slide the omelet onto a plate and garnish it with the parsley leaves.

It should be slightly crescent-shaped with pointed ends.

If you like, sprinkle the omelet with very tiny squares of chopped tomato.

Per serving: 333 calories, 19 grams protein, 4 grams carbohydrates, 26.5 grams fat, 668 milligrams cholesterol, 309 milligrams sodium, .5 gram fiber. Calories from fat: 72 percent.

CHEF DAVID ROSSETTO uses butter, three eggs, parsley and herbs to create his omelets.



Zucchini season — offense or defense?

BY ERIC TUROWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It's really far too late to give any advice now. You really should've had your game plan down in the Spring. But it's a losing game, no matter how you play it. The game is, of course, zucchini.

It works one of two ways. Either you played offense back in February by planting the ubiquitous squash (and you're now trying to give the things away), or you're playing defense now, trying to avoid friendly gardening neighbors' offers of the tubular veggies.

Okay, once in a while is fine. But every gardener knows that every time you turn around, you find another one stashed under the cover of big leaves. I have almost come to the point of accusing other neighbors of stashing their extra squash under our already-harvested plants.

So, either you grew them yourself, or your friends and coworkers are pawing them off on you. A no win situation. You got 'em. Now, what do you do with 'em?

Fried Zucchini

Serving Size : 4

Preparation Time :0:10

1 zucchini
1 tablespoon margarine or butter
1 dash salt
1 dash pepper
1 onion

Put frying pan on medium heat. Add margarine or butter. Slice the zucchini crosswise. Chop onions. When margarine has melted, add zucchini. Add spices to taste. Fry until zucchini is browned. Do not cover, it will make zucchini soggy.

This simple recipe also works for other vegetable such as summer squash and egg plant.

From "The Real Man's Cookbook" by W. J. Rayment

Zucchini Bread (take one)

Yield: 4 Servings

6 Eggs
2 cups Oil
4 cups Grated squash
2 cups Sugar
6 cups Flour
4 teaspoons Cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon Baking powder
2 teaspoon Baking soda
2 teaspoons Salt
2 teaspoons Vanilla

Combine ingredients in a large bowl, mix well. Pour into greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 1 hour. Serve hot or cold with butter, cream cheese, or just plain. Mmmmm. Variations: Applesauce or pumpkin bread — use same as zucchini, but add 3 cups water and ginger. Another thing I did often, was bake the batter in cupcake/muffin tins. Then when the kids wanted a snack, they could just take "one" without the worry or mess of slicing from the loaf.

Recipe from SOAR — the Searchable Online Archive of Recipes,

(<http://soar.Berkeley.EDU/recipes/>), submitted by Robert Ellis.

Zucchini Bread (take two)

This is a very moist and flavorful zucchini bread. It makes a great snack or breakfast because the ingredients are so nutritious.

Prep Time: approx. 10 Minutes.

Cook Time: approx. 1 Hour.

Original recipe makes 2 - 8x4 inch loaves (24 servings). Recipe has been scaled to make 24 servings.

2 eggs

1/4 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup applesauce
1 1/2 cups brown sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 1/2 cups grated zucchini
1 tablespoon molasses
1 tablespoon honey
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
2 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees

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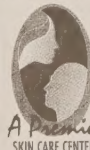
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A parade of floats

BY FLORENCE FABRICANT
NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — As the silver tray held aloft by a waiter passed through the dining room at Le Bernardin, heads turned. On it were six Champagne flutes filled with a jewel-like crimson liquid, each capped with a bit of pink froth and a scoop of magenta sorbet.

They were so tall, cool and stylish that I'm sure I was not the only one who wished they would be joining my table. Later, when I asked what they were, the answer could not have been more surprising: raspberry-Champagne floats.

Floats? A la française? I ordered one on the spot. The first sip was lightly sweet, glittering with a chilly fizz. Then, when I dipped a spoon into the graceful glass, there was the icy freshness of fruit. About halfway through, the two components married into one, the sorbet enriching the Champagne, the Champagne turning the sorbet into a smooth, intensely berried confection all its own.

The float may have been created about 100 years ago, encouraged in part by the Temperance movement. Floats and other fountain classics like ice cream sodas — always made without alcohol — soared in popularity until the end of Prohibition. There are theories that the float was encouraged, if not developed, by soft drink companies, including Hires and A&W, the root beer makers, and Coca-Cola, to boost soda fountain sales.

The classic float is a glass of ice-cold root beer into which a scoop or two of vanilla ice cream is gently dropped. Buoyed by the carbonated drink, the ice cream floats to the top and can be spooned while the soda is sipped.

A tall glass, preferably tapered, will help keep a good head on the soda and the ice cream on top.

Traditionally, the soda goes in first, then the ice cream. But for ice cream lovers, a scoop can be put into the glass first, and then, once the liquid is added, at least one more scoop should be added last. Whipped cream can provide a final embellishment.

Because a float is made without ice, it is important to have all the components, including the glass,

well chilled.
Ginger Float with Green Tea Wasabi Ice Cream
Adapted from Atlas
Time: 20 minutes plus chilling and freezing
1 teaspoon wasabi powder
1 teaspoon powdered green tea (mancha)
¾ cup whole milk
¾ cup heavy cream
½ cup sugar
3 egg yolks, beaten
4 stalks fresh lemon grass
4 bottles Stewart's Ginger Beer, chilled.

1. Place wasabi and green tea in a saucepan. Gradually whisk in milk, then heavy cream, until smooth. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat, and stir in sugar. Gradually whisk in egg yolks. Return to stove, and cook, stirring, over medium heat, until slightly thickened. Do not allow to boil. Transfer to a metal bowl, and refrigerate until cold, then freeze in an ice cream maker.

2. Place 2 generous scoops ice cream into each of 4 tall glasses. Garnish with lemon grass. Top with ginger beer and serve.

Wild Strawberry Float with Raspberry Champagne

Adapted from Le Bernardin
Time: 30 minutes, plus chilling overnight and freezing
1 cup sugar
1 pint strawberries or, preferably, ½ pint wild and ½ pint cultivated, hulled
½ pint raspberries
1 bottle brut Champagne.

1. In a saucepan mix ½ cup of sugar with ½ cup water, and boil until sugar dissolves. Quarter the cultivated strawberries. Place all strawberries in a blender, pour in sugar syrup, and blend until pureed. Strain. Refrigerate until cold, then chill in an ice cream maker. (Commercial strawberry or raspberry sorbet can be substituted.)

2. Bring 1½ cups water and remaining sugar to a boil until sugar dissolves. Add raspberries, and refrigerate overnight.

3. To serve, pour 3 tablespoons raspberry juice into each of 8 Champagne flutes. Place 3 raspberries in each glass. Add Champagne until three-quarters full. Top each glass with scoop of sorbet.

Back to the same old grind?

THE WASHINGTON POST

When it comes to herbs and spices, fresh ground, as needed, is best. Grind dried coriander, cumin, tarragon or thyme, and they explode with hidden aroma and flavor.

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A SPICE BOX photographed in South Africa holds turmeric, coriander and cumin. From "The Art of Life" cookbook by Troth Wells.

Green Apple Pucker Float
Adapted from Four Seasons Hotel

Time: 15 minutes
Juice of 1 lime
2 tablespoons simple syrup
½ cup DeKuyper Sour Apple Pucker liqueur
6 ounces Perrier, chilled
2 scoops green apple or lime sorbet
Slice of lime for garnish.

1. Stir lime juice and syrup in a tall chilled glass. Stir in liqueur. Add Perrier.

2. Top with sorbet, garnish with lime, and serve.

Note: For simple syrup, boil

equal parts sugar and water until sugar dissolves, then cool.

Orange-Yogurt Float
Time: 10 minutes
1 tablespoon orange blossom or other mild honey
¾ cup fresh orange juice, chilled
½ cup sparkling water, chilled
2 scoops vanilla frozen yogurt
1 slice orange, slit halfway to hang on rim of glass.

1. Place honey in the bottom of a tall glass. Gradually stir in orange juice until honey dissolves. Add sparkling water, and top with two scoops vanilla frozen yogurt.

2. Garnish glass with orange slice, and serve.

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Zucchini

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1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees (F). Grease two 8x4 inch loaf pans.

2. In a medium bowl, beat together the eggs and oil. Stir in the applesauce, brown sugar, vanilla, molasses and salt.

3. Finally, stir in the zucchini and nuts. Divide the batter evenly between the two pans.

4. Bake for 1 hour in the preheated oven, or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

5. Cool in the pan for 15 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

Recipe from Allrecipes.com, submitted by Sarah.

Stuffed Zucchini

This is good served with French dressing and a salad.

Prep time: approx. 10 Minutes. Cook time: approx. 1 Hour. Makes 4 servings.

1 zucchini
1 pound pork sausage
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 (16 ounce) jar spaghetti sauce
1 cup grated parmesan cheese
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees (F). Grease two 8x4 inch loaf pans.

2. Thin stems from zucchini and slice lengthwise. Scoop out seeds and put in bowl.

3. Mix seeds with sausage, garlic, bread crumbs, and parmesan cheese.

4. Stuff zucchini with sausage mixture and place in 9x13 inch baking pan.

5. Pour sauce over squash and top with foil.

6. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour, or until sausage is cooked.

7. Remove foil and cover with mozzarella cheese. Cook until cheese is melted.

From Allrecipes.com, submitted by Laura.

Chocolate Zucchini Cake

2-1/2 cup flour
3/4 cup butter
2-1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1-1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup cocoa
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
2 cups shredded zucchini
1/2 cup milk
1 tablespoon vanilla

Combine flour, baking powder, soda, salt, cinnamon and cocoa and set aside.

Beat butter and sugar until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Add zucchini.

Mix in dry ingredients alternately with milk. Mix well.

Pour into a bundt cake pan or a tube pan, that has been greased and floured or sprayed with cooking spray.

Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes or until firm on top.

Frost with chocolate gloss:

1/2 cup sugar
1-1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
1 1-oz. square of unsweetened chocolate
1/2 c water
dash of salt
1-1/2 tablespoon butter

1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar, cornstarch and add chocolate, salt and 1/2 cup of water. Cook, stirring until thickened and bubbly and chocolate melts.

Remove from heat; add butter and vanilla. While hot, frost cake.

Recipe from Pagewise Inc.

Grilled Zucchini Pizzas

If you grow zucchini you know it's best when young and small.

However, it grows so fast that sometimes you end up with a bunch of humongous squash 15-20 inches long and 12 inches around.

These are perfect for this recipe.

Prep Time: approximately 10 Minutes. Cook Time: approx. 10 Minutes. Makes 10 zucchini pizzas.

1 large zucchini
1/2 cup butter, melted
3 cloves crushed garlic
1/2 cup mozzarella cheese
1/2 (14 ounce) can pizza sauce

1. Slice the Zucchini into thick rounds.

2. Combine the melted butter and crushed garlic in a small bowl. set aside.

3. When the coals on your barbecue are almost burned down, lay your zucchini slices on the grill.

Let cook for three minutes then turn over and brush the butter/garlic mixture on each slice.

Cook for three more minutes

and turn over again and brush the other side with the garlic and butter.

3. Cover the slices with pizza sauce and cheese and let cook until the cheese begins to melt.

Recipe from Allrecipes.com, submitted by Kit.

Zucchini and Onion Pancakes

I like to grate and freeze zucchini. Just be sure to drain well before using.

Also you can slice and freeze separate slices on a cookie sheet and then put into bags and they won't stick together.

Prep time: approx. 15 Minutes. Cook time: approx. 15 Minutes. Makes 6 servings.

3 zucchini
1 large onion
1 teaspoon dried oregano
salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup butter

1. Grate zucchini and onion into a medium bowl, and drain off excess juices. Stir in the oregano and salt and pepper to taste.

2. Heat a frying pan over medium high heat and melt butter in the pan.

When butter has coated the pan, arrange the zucchini in a flat layer over the bottom of the pan.

Fry until golden brown on both sides, about 5 minutes per side. Serve warm.

Recipe from Allrecipes.com, submitted by Carol.

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Shell Chemical's RMP and Preliminary Audit Findings are complete. A forty-five day public comment period for both the RMP and Preliminary Audit Findings will begin July 26, 2001 and will end September 10, 2001. The RMP and Preliminary Audit Findings can be reviewed at the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs Office at 4333 Pacheco Blvd. in Martinez. Call (925) 646-2286 for an appointment. The RMP and Preliminary Audit Findings can also be reviewed at the Martinez Public Library.

Written comments, postmarked no later than September 10, 2001, are to be sent to the following:

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Checkout

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machines after she accidentally wandered into the self-checkout aisle one recent afternoon. Soon Crawford was scanning shirts herself.

"That's easy, that's OK," said Crawford, who doesn't own a computer, can't figure out why her VCR light keeps blinking and doesn't think most people her age are comfortable with technology.

Crawford said she likes to talk to checkers, so on most days she'd prefer the regular lines. But "if there was a long line I would use (self-checkout) again."

For many customers, the big question with self-checkout will be: Can it save me time?

When ATMs appeared, the time benefits soon became clear. People no longer had to go inside a bank just to get cash.

Self-checkout isn't such an obvious timesaver. According to a story in USA Today, self-scanners can save shoppers between 15 seconds and 15 minutes.

Hen House's Ramsour said that self-checkout is best for times when the customer has few things to check and the other aisles are busy. (Most stores limit self-checkout to 15 items.)

"A cashier can scan like 30 items a minute, and those units scan about 10, but the customer's in control," Ramsour said. "They feel like they're getting out of the store quicker that way."

Area managers insist that self-checkout technology does speed things up for customers. Also, store employees say, the technology helps alleviate the perennial problem of labor shortages.

Sue Jenter, who sometimes monitors the 151st Street Dillons' 4-month-old U-Scans — machines similar to NCR's but made by a different manufacturer — said customers express concern for her. "When these first got installed, there were two things everyone asked: 'Can these take cash?' and 'Are they going to fire all our checkers?'"

Yes, they take cash and Jenter said don't worry about the checkers. Stores have a hard enough time finding checkers and baggers.

"We've had times when we couldn't open up all the registers. It's an industrywide problem," said Dillons' manager Tim Graas, half of whose "front-end" employees are teen-agers. "We actually ended up

During the early-evening rush at the Dillons on 151st Street, Larry Thacker stood in a full-serve line to buy two items. Thacker, who worked in grocery stores for years,

watched the self-scan action in the next aisle.

"I don't want to deal with it, I'm not in a hurry," he said. "And it seems to me like there's a bigger cluster of people (in self scan) usually. That guy over there has been there for five minutes — I'll be out of here before he is."

Most of the holdup at Dillons seemed to come from people unfamiliar with, or downright confused by, the machines' features.

Jenter, the self-checkout supervisor one Tuesday, spent most of her time running between machines, explaining to customers why they must place their items in a bag, on a scale, after they scan them. This is the key security feature of self-checkout. The machines compare the weight of the item bagged with the programmed weight of the item scanned, watching for discrepancies that might signal error or theft.

But no signs in Dillons explain this to customers, and if an item was too big for the small plastic bags customers would often place the item directly in their cart or on the floor. This could cause the machines to lock up, and Jenter to have to assist.

Other problems, Jenter said, come from produce without stickers or other items customers might need to look up on the machine's computer.

"Children 7 or 8 years old will come up and have no fear and use them perfectly," Jenter said. "Adults will expect them to be hard or confusing and are very leery of them."

At Kmart as well, some customers had trouble getting their items to scan, causing the employee on duty to scamper around.

"What we've found is that people get used to how to do it," said Dillons manager Graas. "It should get faster."

Jenter agreed and predicts that despite problems, self-checkout will be a permanent fixture at the front of many stores.

"I think most stores are going to go with this because it gets people through without getting stuck behind a big cart," she said.

At one point during the Dillons evening rush, one of the four units simply stopped working. "Checkout closed," stated the machine's screen. Jenter couldn't figure out why it shut down, and customers in line stared at the screen while waiting for one of the remaining machines.

The screen called to mind a more old-fashioned grocery store problem: standing in line during the after-work rush, staring at a perfectly good aisle with its light off, wondering if someone will come around to flick it on and help people get home a little faster.



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